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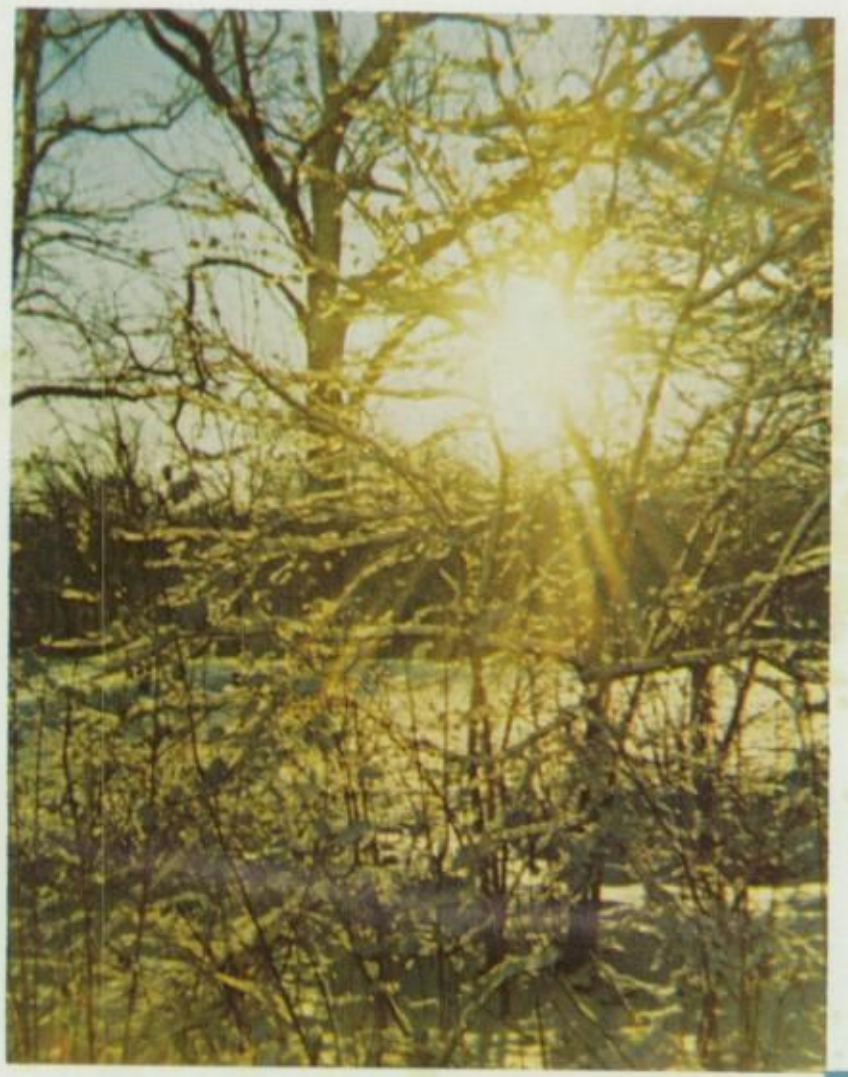

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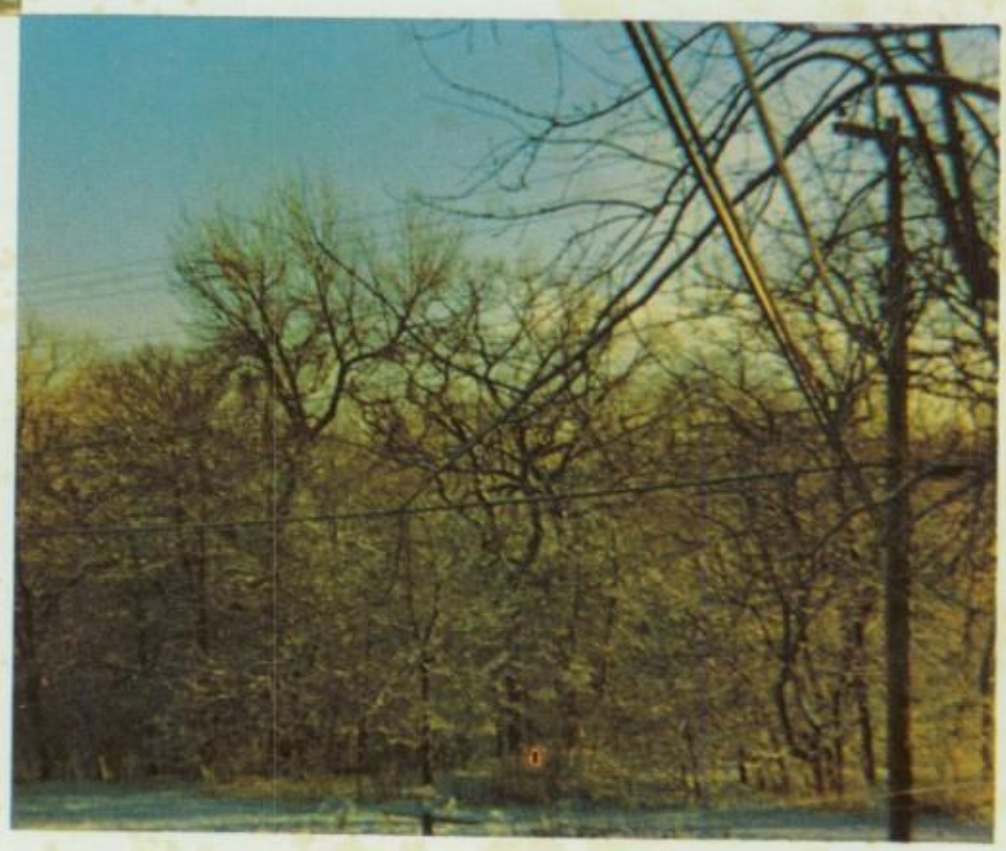

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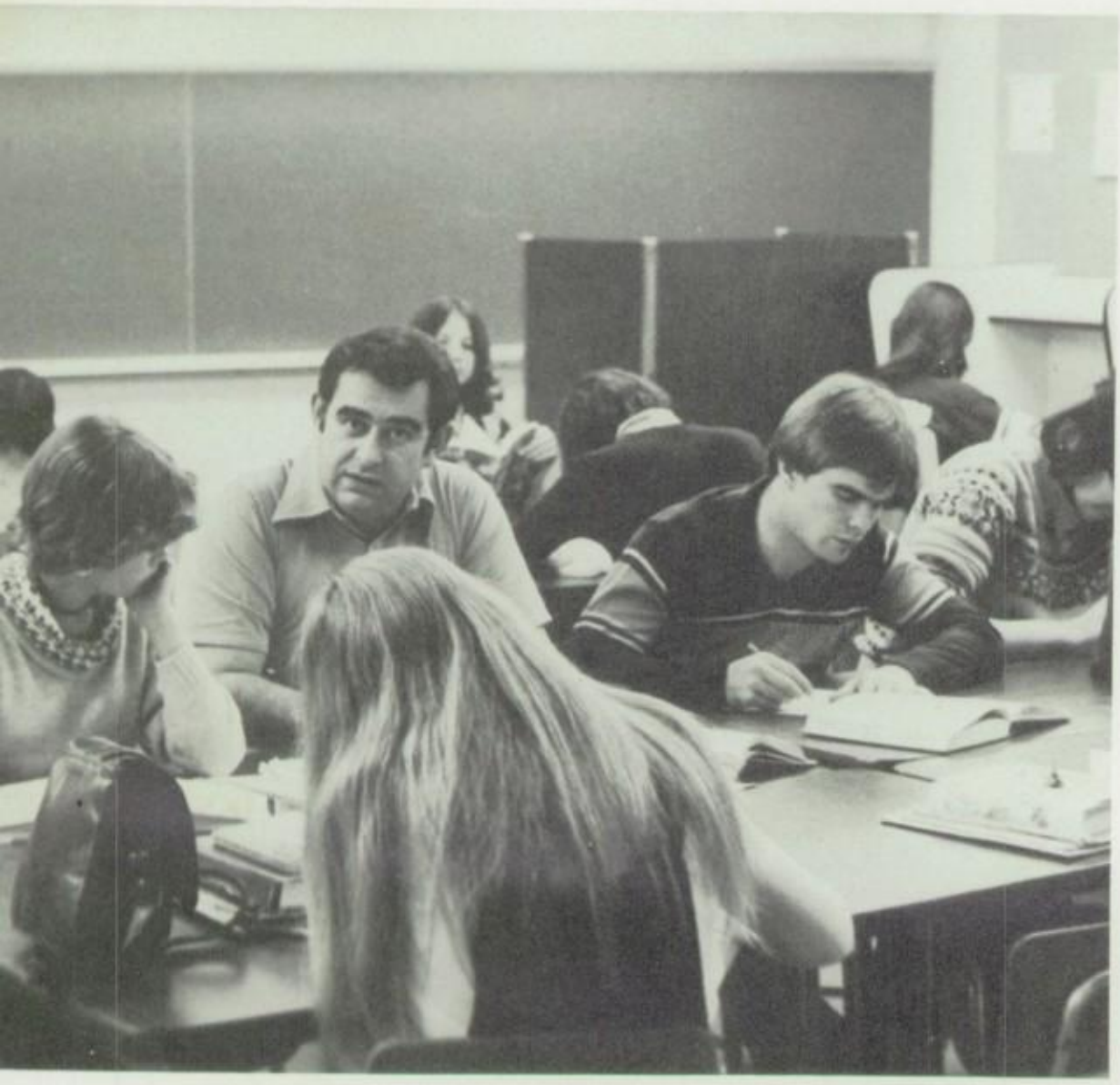

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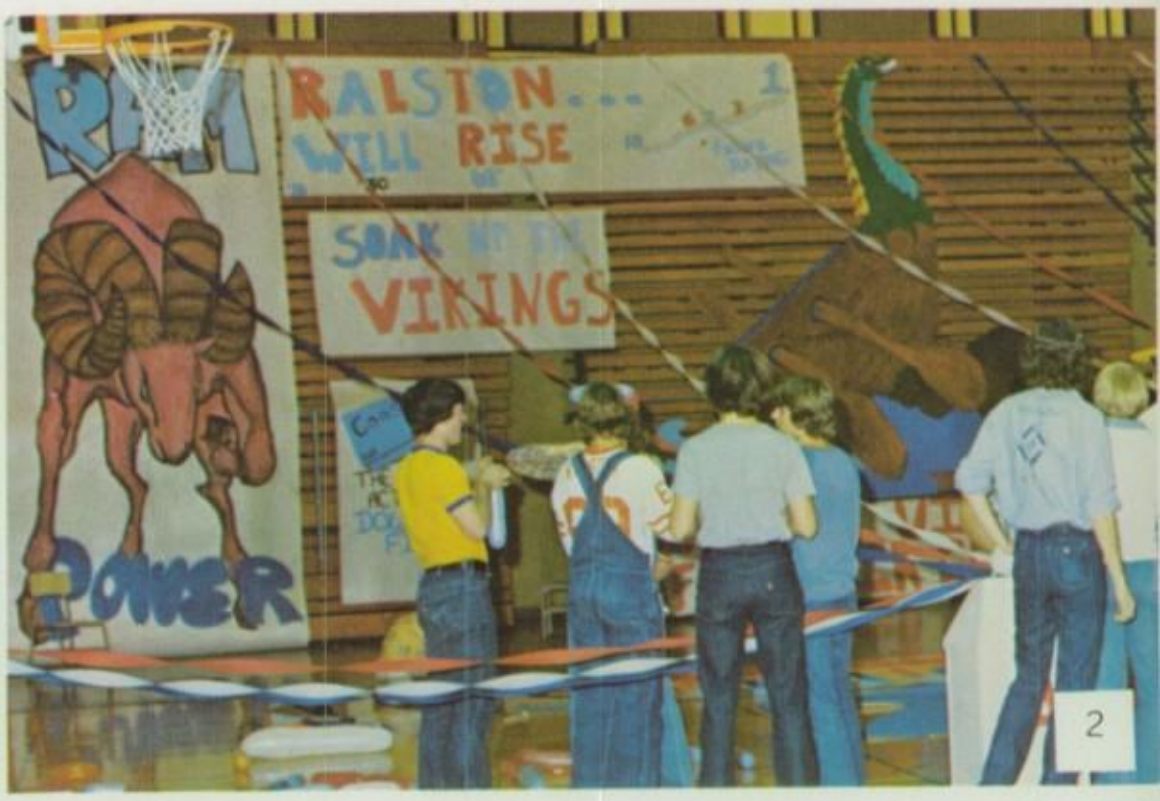

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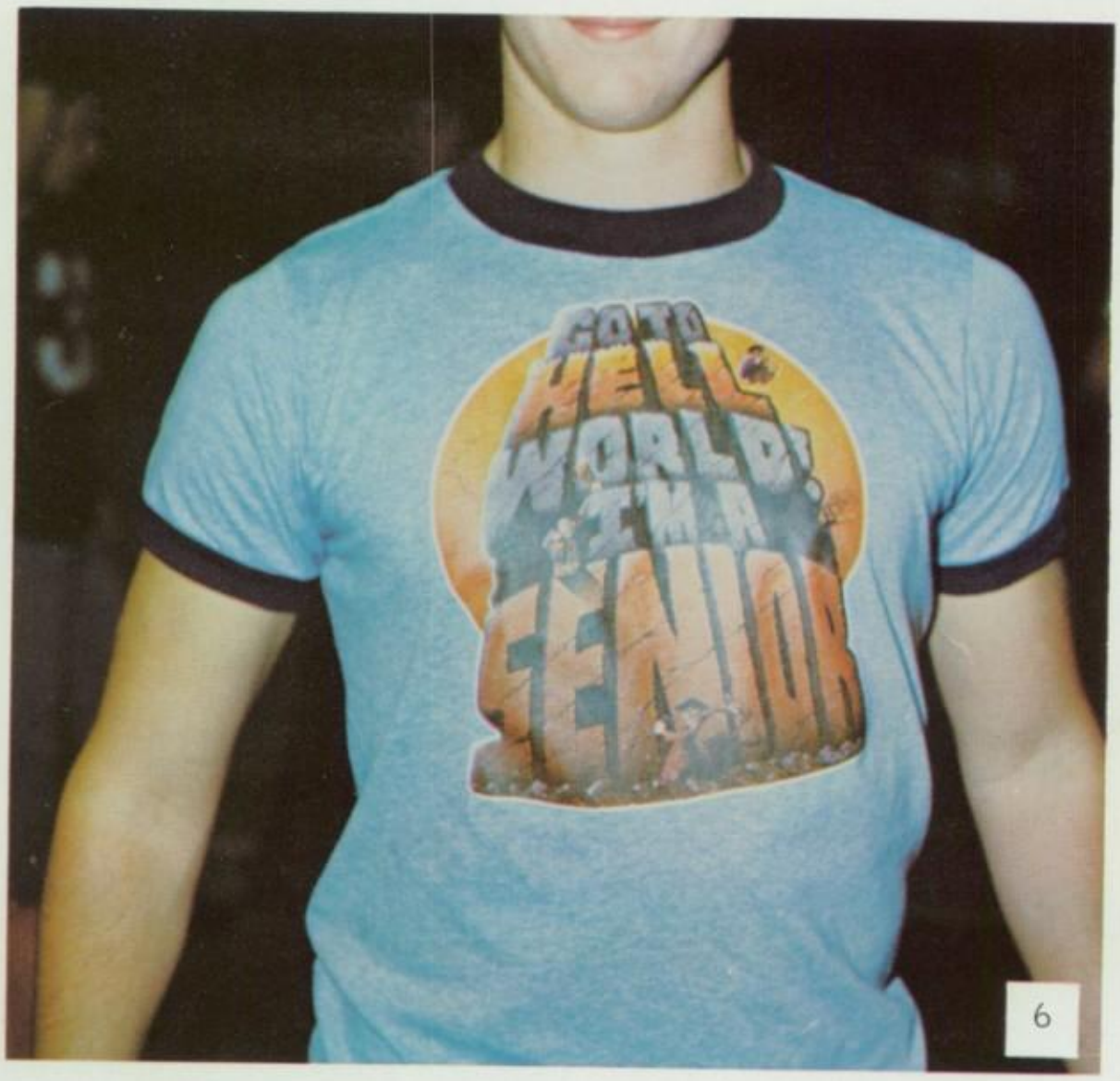

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(1) Miss Shirley Richardson (at right) congratulates senior Patti Johnson for being the most valuable player for the varsity volleyball team. (2) Seniors take one last look at their section during the gym decorating contest, before finishing up for the night. (3) Senior Lou Anne Zacek displays the costume she wore for Stu-Co's dress-up day on Halloween. (4) Mrs. Ruth Borsheim talks to senior Greg Brinker about his advanced composition term paper. (5) Seniors Shelly Hughes, Leslie Clark and Brenda Shipper take time out of their Office Occupations class to discuss current events. (6) A t-shirt shows a senior's view of his last year in high school.

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(1) Members of the varsity basketball team prepare to take the court at the Holiday Tournament in the Civic Auditorium. (2) Freshman Cheri Fielder practices on her bassoon before the winter band concert. (3) Sophomores Alan Bone and Deann Smalley try out different foods at the Spanish dinner. (4) Senior Steve Gibbs purchases baked goods from members of the home ec club during their winter bake sale. (5) Members of the Chamber Singers practice for an upcoming event. (6) Sophomore Bryan Schmelling works on an assignment in woodworking class.

Learning . . .

Learning . . . for some, it's opportunity and yet for others, it's a tradition to be defied. But, regardless of how it is looked upon, it is truly beneficial to society, the nation, our school and, most of all, to ourselves. Learning is something we can always use.

Through our learning we can share and relate to others our thoughts, ideas, and problems, but most of all we can teach each other.

To learn something new every day is to grow every day in thought and mind, because a sound mind is the way to the fulfillment of one's goals. Continuously the growth of our abilities permits ideas to develop and creates momentum for society's onward movement.

The door is open to an unbelievable vastness of insight, foresight, and comprehension, respectfully earned by whoever wishes. The door is always there, and the key of knowledge often opens the doors of success.

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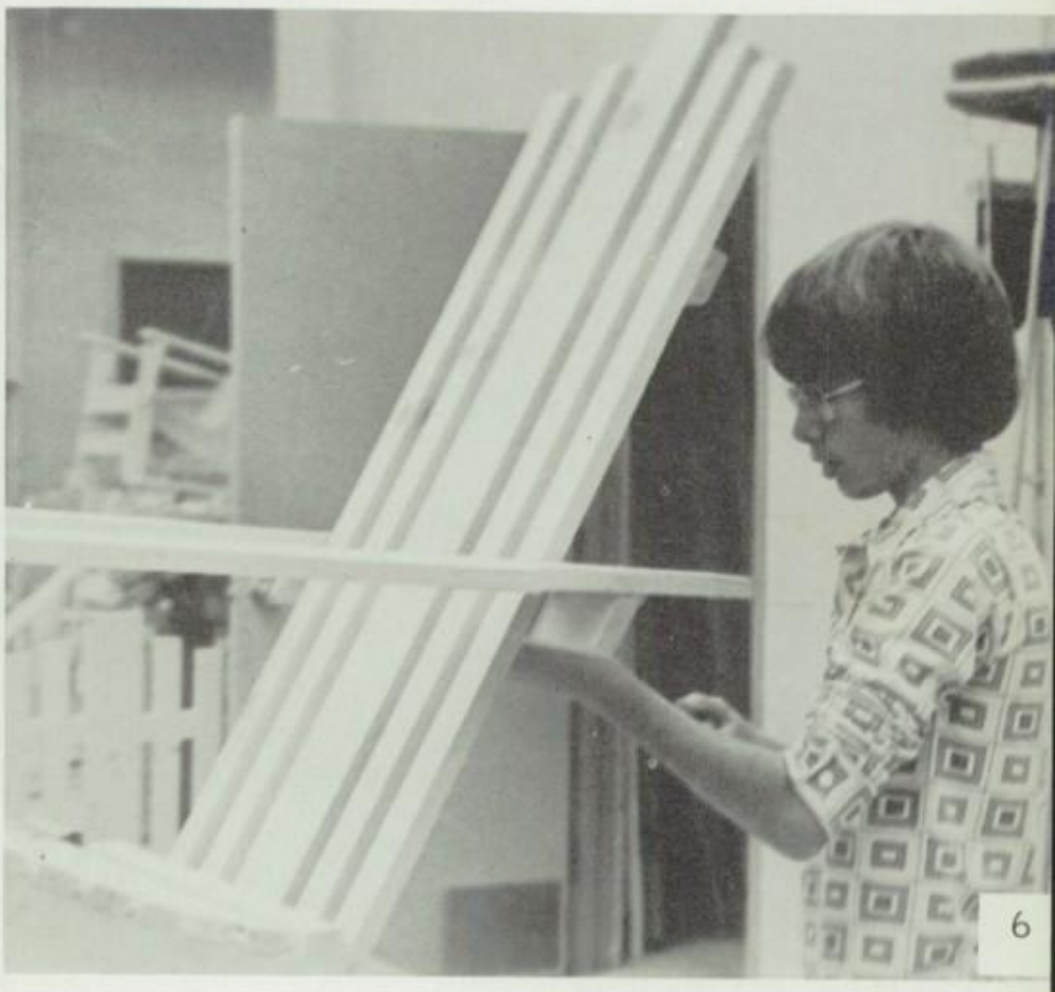

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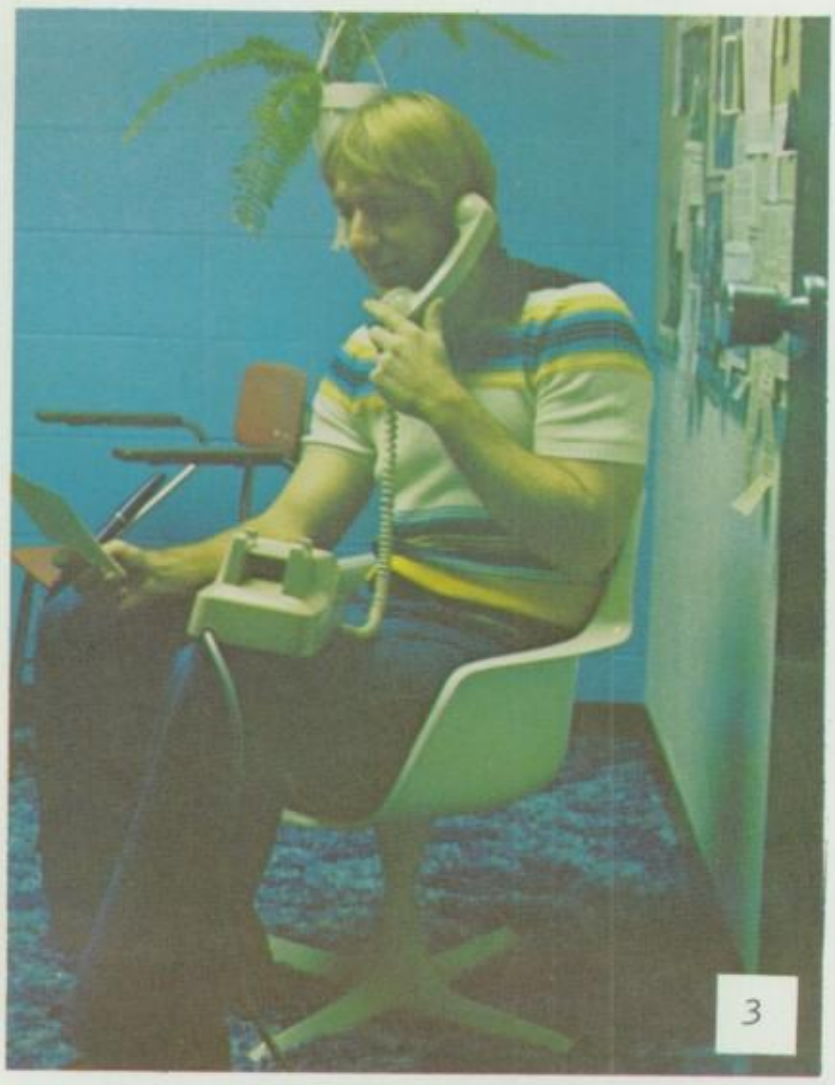

Experiencing . . . a lifelong adventure, some successes and some failures, too. And just a part of our lives involve our high school career, but, yes it is a time for experience; the joys, sights and sounds reach to the depths of feelings and finally to an understanding of what they really mean.

No two shadows are the same. So too are our daily experiences. Each day involves our family, friends, teachers, even classmates and people we don't even know very well, because it involves society as a whole.

We never stop experiencing, and time permits many changes and new situations. Four years and we've had the ultimate in teenage life filled with memories for a life time.

Whether it's just a winning team or an A+ on a quarter test, experience has meaning, and meaning leads to understanding. Communication is the result. The goal of our efforts has been achieved.

(1) During the human chain event of the mock olympics senior and junior teams race to the finish line. (2) Bonnie Schebenski (senior Jane Rausch) and the angels (juniors Becky Staab, Denise Fleming, Tami Ludwig, Marty Connor, senior Denise Brasel, and junior Liz Benson) perform the "Heaven Hop." (3) Guidance counselor Doug McLaughlin makes a telephone call as part of his daily routine. (4) Seniors Rich Watson and Bernie Talamante stand before the remains of the 84th street tunnel. (5) Cooks Arlene Kranz and Rose Peterson dress up to show their Halloween spirit. (6) A crowd of seniors cheer their team on at the mock olympics. (7) Cast members of "Anything Goes," seniors Cliff Holman, Jay Scott, Mike Sewell and junior Jim Williams discuss their plans for the cast party.

Relating . . .

Relating . . . something we do every day, usually unconsciously, and something we couldn't live without. Relating can be more than sight, touch and sound. It also includes understanding and comprehension, a valuable gift to attain.

Achieving this gift is what is strived for in our educational system. It is hoped that we will learn to express ourselves and our ideas in different ways.

The prime result of relating is understanding, and with it a greater relation between people can be formed. Two persons or a relationship of two groups provide something that is highly needed in solving the problems of today.

Unity or opposition create a stirring of emotions that have emphasized communication from the beginning of time. Relating is to feel a sense of satisfaction, to release our daily pressures and to grow in our relations with our fellow students and staffs.

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(1) Members of the senior and faculty tug-of-war teams participate in the mock olympics during Homecoming week. (2) Sophomore Laurie McCracken practices her routine for an upcoming football game. (3) Sophomore Glen Flott wins a decision at a jv wrestling meet. (4) Freshman Kelly Monahan works with resource children for FBLA. (5) Junior Pam Ludwig directs the band during the pre-season pep rally.

Feeling . . .

Feeling . . . a way of sensing and expressing that is a responsive awareness we are all exposed to during our daily involvements with school activities. The senstivity we feel towards friends and classmates gives us the feeling that we are needed and are an important factor in our school.

What we learn, experience and relate to others produces a product unequaled—feeling. When we reflect on our experiences we develop attitudes and determine a stance on an issue. With this, we can communicate to others, our feelings. In return, we can learn others' reactions to the same circumstances; thus, the cycle ends and begins again.

Feelings are also a friendly handshake of congratulations, the warmth of a friendly hug, or the sting of a harsh reprimand. The cool, smooth feeling of the desk we occupy daily, carved with immortal sayings which will permanently scar the surface, and the endless journey from a class where the temperature is below zero, to a temperature of 90 degrees; these are a few of the feelings we, at Ralston High, experience. We learn to appreciate our new findings and communicate these important things with each other.

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(1) Junior Lynn Grobeck stops for a drink between classes. (2) Senior Theresa Goblirsch greets fellow senior Mark Daganaar in the hall. (3) Reno Sweeney (senior Lisa Burianek) and Billy Crocker (senior Mike Sewell) perform the song, "You're the Top," in the fall musical. (4) Cold conditions in the school force many students to wear coats to class. (5) Coach John Osborne presents juniors Rick Chandler and Randy Jostes with most valuable player awards for varsity football. (6) Senior Tami DiGiacomo and Mike Tostenson work on art projects.

student life

How is communicating important to . . . students' lives?

"We must communicate to be social."

BILL WARD

"Communication is important because you need to express yourself to help understand what you are supposed to be learning."

SHERYL COOK

"I think that communication among students is one of the most important things in school. How could we get along with each other if we could not communicate? I can communicate, and I can get along with everyone I'm around."

CHRIS BELL

"Students couldn't survive if they couldn't communicate."

GRANT HADDIX

"Because students are always communicating with friends, students and faculty all the time. No matter what, students are always communicating."

RICHARD WATSON

"Without communication, a student would be completely cut off from social life. It is important because you want to be somebody, and communications is the key to knowing yourself."

LAURIE KEALY

Homecoming ends with North's defeat

Homecoming week festivities started on Monday, Oct. 10 with "tie'em up day." On Tuesday was "sock it to 'em," Wednesday, "school colors," Thursday, "hats off," and Friday, "suspend your spirit."

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, the annual snake dance was held. Students paraded through the streets of Ralston and ended their walk at Fort Ralston. Here the effigy of a Viking was burned to arouse school spirit.

On Thursday night all the classes competed in the gym decorating contest. The juniors finished first, seniors, second, sophomores, third, and freshmen, fourth.

The week's activities concluded Friday with the mock olympics. The events included were the water balloon race, the shoe scramble, egg tossing, human chain, human pyramid, tug-of-war, "prettiest girl," and blind man's football. The junior class upset the seniors, the freshmen finished third, sophomores, fourth, and the faculty, fifth.

On Friday night, the Rams ended with a Homecoming victory, defeating the North Vikings 28-0.

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(1) During the snake dance, members of the varsity football squad ride the fire engine down to Fort Ralston. (2) Sophomore Sue Meehan contributes to gym decorations during Homecoming spirit week. (3) Freshman students help decorate their portion of the gym.

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(1) The Ralston pep band plays "Hail Varsity" to arouse school spirit at the annual snake dance. (2) During the mock olympics, the seniors competed against the sophomores in the tug-of-war event. (3) Junior Becky Staab and senior Shari Olson race to opposite ends during the water balloon event. Looking on are Denise Peitzmeir, Mike Sewell, Sheila Secret and Shanita Spencer. (4) Senior Dennis Wilken competes for the title of the "prettiest girl."

(1) Junior Carol Miles and date, Chuck Novich of Lincoln, dance to the last slow dance of the evening. (2) Senior foreign exchange students, Paolo Mancosu and Eeva Silvasti, discuss their plans for the remainder of the evening.

HOMECOMING CANDIDATES. C. Stabb, J. Hansen, L. Larsen, S. Ingalls, D. Brasel, D. Wilken, S. Olson, T. Stokes, M. Markoff and A. Rotella.

'You Light up My Life' is dance theme

The theme, "You Light up My Life," set the atmosphere for the 1977-78 Homecoming dance, held Oct. 15 from 8:30-12.

Seniors Tim Connor and Tami DiGiacomo were crowned as Homecoming king and queen, by the 1976-77 king and queen, Mark Conway and Debbie DiGiacomo (Tami's sister).

Members of the royal court were seniors Denise Brasel, Jon Hansen, Scott Ingalls, Lynn Larsen, Michelle Markoff, Shari Olson, Al Rotella, Cindi Stabb, Tom Stokes and Dennis Wilken.

Queen candidates were chosen by "R" club, and king candidates were selected by spirit club. Both clubs also sponsored the dance, which featured the band, "Stack."

(1) Couples dance to the music provided by "Stack." (2) Seniors Tim Connor and Tami DiGiacomo reign as Homecoming king and queen for 1977-78. (3) Members of the band "Stack" play "Baby I Love Your Way," during coronation.

RHS sets sailing with 'Anything Goes'

What takes place on a ship in the 1930's and is filled with gangsters, chorus girls, lovers and sailors. Well, it was bon voyage with the 1977-78 musical, "Anything Goes."

The production, which included comedy, set sail in the RHS theater on Nov. 2, 3, 4 and 6. It featured song and dance arrangements of "Blow Gabriel Blow" and "Heaven Hop."

Reno Sweeney, a night club performer, was portrayed by seniors Sue Whetstone and Lisa Burianek. Billy Crocker, a stowaway who traveled on someone's else's passport, was portrayed by seniors Mike Sewell and Rick LaRosa. Hope Harcourt, supposedly engaged to Sir Evelyn Oakleigh, was portrayed by seniors Mary Reinhardt and Sandy Montalbano.

Moon Face Martin and Bonnie Schbenski, gangsters, were portrayed by seniors Steve Gibbs and Janie Rausch. Sir Evelyn Oakleigh, and English physical fitness nut, was portrayed by senior Greg Brinker and junior Ron Stevens. Mrs. Harcourt, Hope's mother, was portrayed by seniors Sheri Rasmussen and Marla Thaden. Whitney, Crocker's boss, was portrayed by senior Jay Scott and sophomore Paul Rea.

The chorus was made up of freshman, sophomore, junior and senior music students.

Music director was Dwaine Price, and stage director was Sandra Basye, both teachers.

(1) Hope Harcourt (senior Sandy Montalbano) walks away after viewing her fiance, Sir Evelyn Oakleigh (senior Greg Brinker), with Reno Sweeney (senior Lisa Burianek). (2) Billy Crocker (senior Mike Sewell), Whitney (senior Jay Scott) and Reno plan things with angels, (senior Vicki Zadina, junior Denise Fleming, senior Denise Brasel, and junior Lori Nelson). (3) Reporters (junior Steve Smith and senior Jay Scott) conduct an interview with the priest (sophomore Scott Rezek).

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(1) Moon Face Martin (senior Steve Gibbs) and Bonnie Schbenski (senior Janie Rausch) portray gangsters escaping the police. (2) Reno Sweeney (senior Sue Whetstone) and Sir Evelyn Oakleigh (junior Ron Stevens) talk over their future wedding plans. (3) Billy Crocker (senior Rick LaRosa) and Reno listen while Moon Face Martin (senior Steve Gibbs) gives his important speech. (4) The chorus of "Anything Goes" dance and sing to "Blow Gabriel Blow."

(1) Junior Janet Hobza and senior Scott Ingalls take a break between dances. (2) Criss-Cross candidates, juniors Chuck Spencer and Teresa Haugen, walk to the coronation area. (3) Reigning as the 1977-78 Criss-Cross king and queen are Rick Chandler and Gail Toft.

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Toft, Chandler rule 'Jungle Love'

"Jungle Love" set the mood for the 1977-78 Criss-Crosser dance held Feb. 4 in the school cafeteria, from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

The candidates were chosen by the junior class, which set a new trend for selection. In previous years candidates were chosen by Student Council.

Juniors Rick Chandler and Gail Toft were chosen as the new Criss-Cross royalty. Candidates were juniors Teresa Haugen, Kim Freemyer, Becky Staab, Lori Trede, Kelly Dusek, Kent Brazille, Greg Taylor, Randy Jostes, Sean Nemec and Chuck Spencer.

Student Council sponsored the dance, which provided the music by Bittersweet.

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CRISS-CROSS CANDIDATES. FRONT ROW: K. Dusek, B. Staab, L. Trede, K. Freemyer, T. Haugen. BACK ROW: K. Brazille, G. Taylor, S. Nemec, R. Jostes, C. Spencer.

(1) Sophomore Laurie Kealy, Criss-Cross chairman, announces the new king and queen. (2) The band, "Bittersweet," provides the music for the annual dance.

'Two by Two' is drama's annual play

Drama's annual all-school production was the musical, "Two by Two," which was performed May 11, 12 and 13.

The play was an adaptation of the biblical story of Noah's Ark. The time was set before, during and after the flood. The first act was outside of Noah's home, and the second was forty days and nights later on the ark, atop Mt. Ararat.

The cast of characters were seniors Mike Sewell, as Noah, Sue Whetstone, Esther, Janie Rausch, Rachel, freshman Mary Kay Gilreath, Leah, and junior Amie Gilreath, Goldie. The sons of Noah and Esther, Shem, Ham and Jahpeth, were portrayed by seniors Steve Gibbs, Greg Brinker and Rick LaRosa.

Faculty members assisting were Mrs. Sandra Basye, drama teacher and play director, Mr. Dwaine Price, music instructor, and Mrs. Lana Hartman, music department accompanist.

Other drama events included the all-school children's production of "Alice in Wonderland," which was held Feb. 4 and 5 in the RHS theater.

(1) Noah (senior Mike Sewell), along with his family members, Jahpeth (senior Rick LaRosa), Shem (senior Steve Gibbs), Leah (freshman Mary Kay Gilreath), and Ham (senior Greg Brinker), discuss the wreckage of the boat. (2) Rachel (senior Janie Rausch) and Jahpeth discuss their feelings for each other, while singing "I Do Not Know A Day I Did Not Love You."

THESPIANS. FRONT ROW: M. Reinhardt, S. Mitchell, R. LaRosa, S. Walla. ROW 2: P. Rea, J. Antilla, C. Hennig, S. Whetstone, N. Ritzman. BACK ROW: sponsor S. Basye, S. Gibbs, M. Sewell, J. Rausch, K. Fruedenthal.

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(1) Noah (senior Mike Sewell) listens to his wife Esther (senior Sue Whetstone) sing "An Old Man." (2) Noah and his family sing the theme song "Two by Two."

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Brasel, Hansen reign over '78 Prom

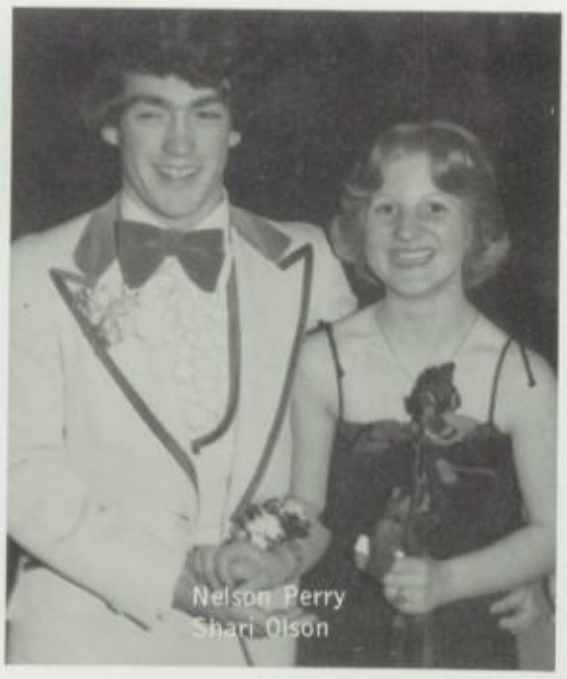
Carter Lake Ballroom was the scene of the 1978 Junior-Senior Prom, held April 29 from 8:30-11:30 p.m. "The Way We Feel Tonight" set the mood, while the band "Sweetfield Revue" provided the music.

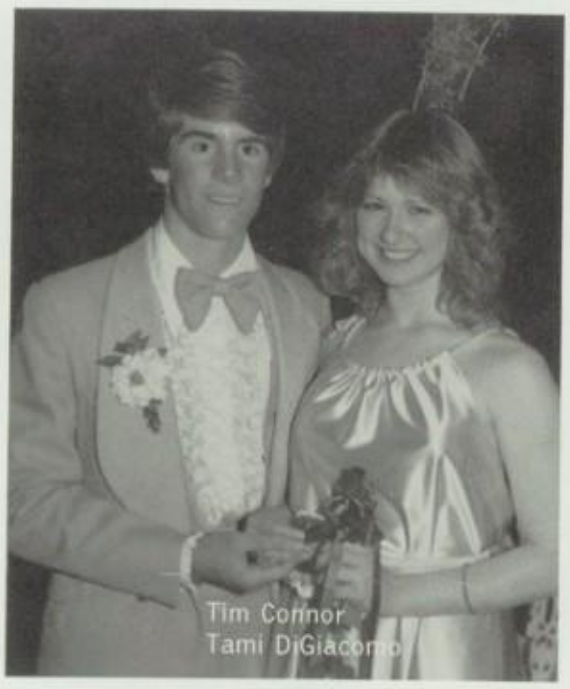
The new king and queen crowned were seniors Jon Hansen and Denise Brasel. Seniors Steve Flott and Jill Davis were crowned prince and princess, as the first runner-up couple. Other members of the royal court were seniors Tami DiGiacomo, Michelle Markoff, Shari Olson, Cindi Staab, Tim Connor, Dean Gute, Nelson Perry and Tom Stokes.

An estimated 550 people attended the dance, sponsored by the junior class.

Junior class sponsor, Duane Hemminger, commented that the dance was ". . . very good. The band was good, . . . and we had a good representation from the faculty."

(1) Seniors Jeri Wilkening, Mike Fry and Chuck Will discuss plans for the evening. (2) Reigning as Prom prince and princess are seniors Steve Flott and Jill Davis. (3) Junior Teresa Haugen and alumni Doug Wilken dance to the music provided by "Sweetfield Revue."





(1) Seniors Jon Hansen and Denise Brasel reign as 1978 Prom king and queen. (2) Couples relax during the band's break.

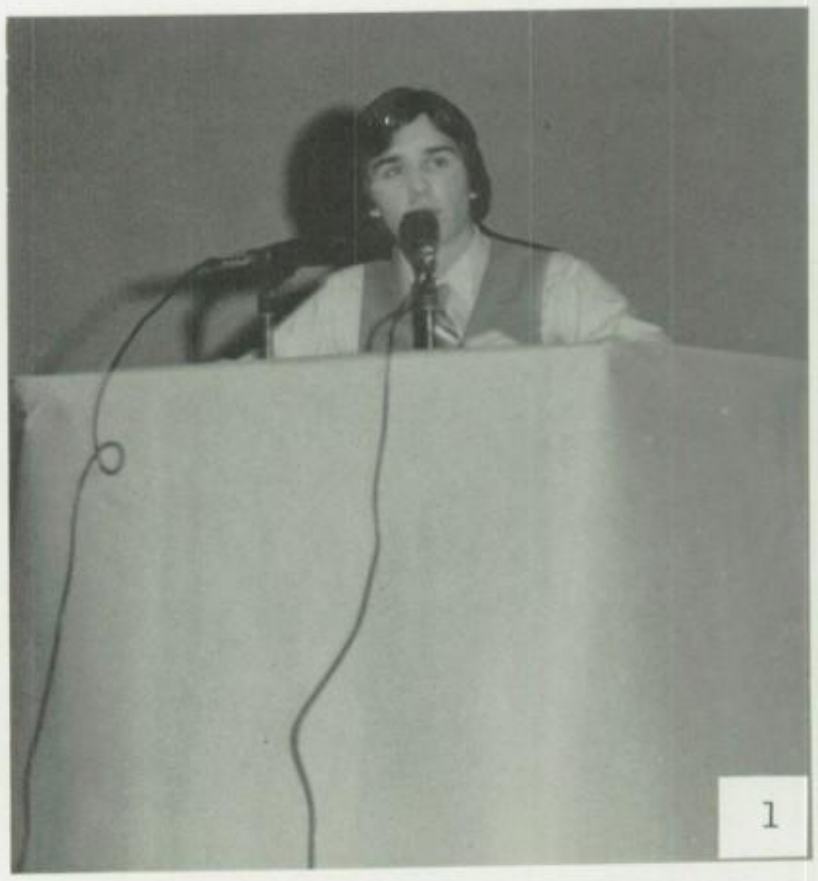
Stage is set for '78 Review

The lights were dimmed, and the stage set for the 1977-'78 Audacious Auditions Review, held March 3 at 8 p.m., in the RHS theatre.

With standing room only, the first act began. It consisted of four football players going through an instant replay.

Topping off some of the 23 acts were the Kazoo Marching Band, led by drum major Bob Benzel, the Samurai teacher, and an RHS report from junior Steve Smith. The final act featured "Shout It Out Loud" with senior Coneheads, Rich Watson, Bernie Talamante, Jeff Kawa and Mark Harrison.

All proceeds went to the Chicago field trip, which the Contemporary Literature and Honors Seminar classes took in the spring.



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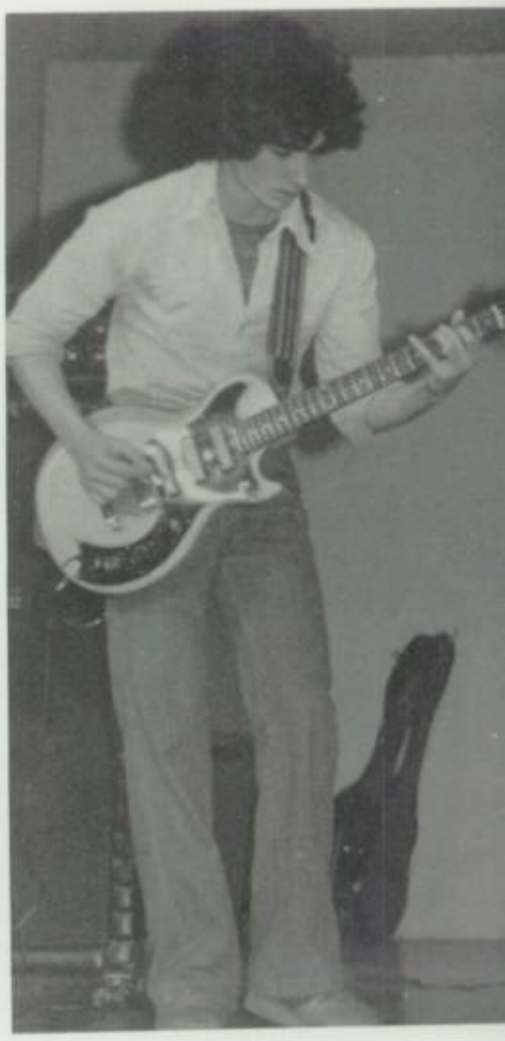

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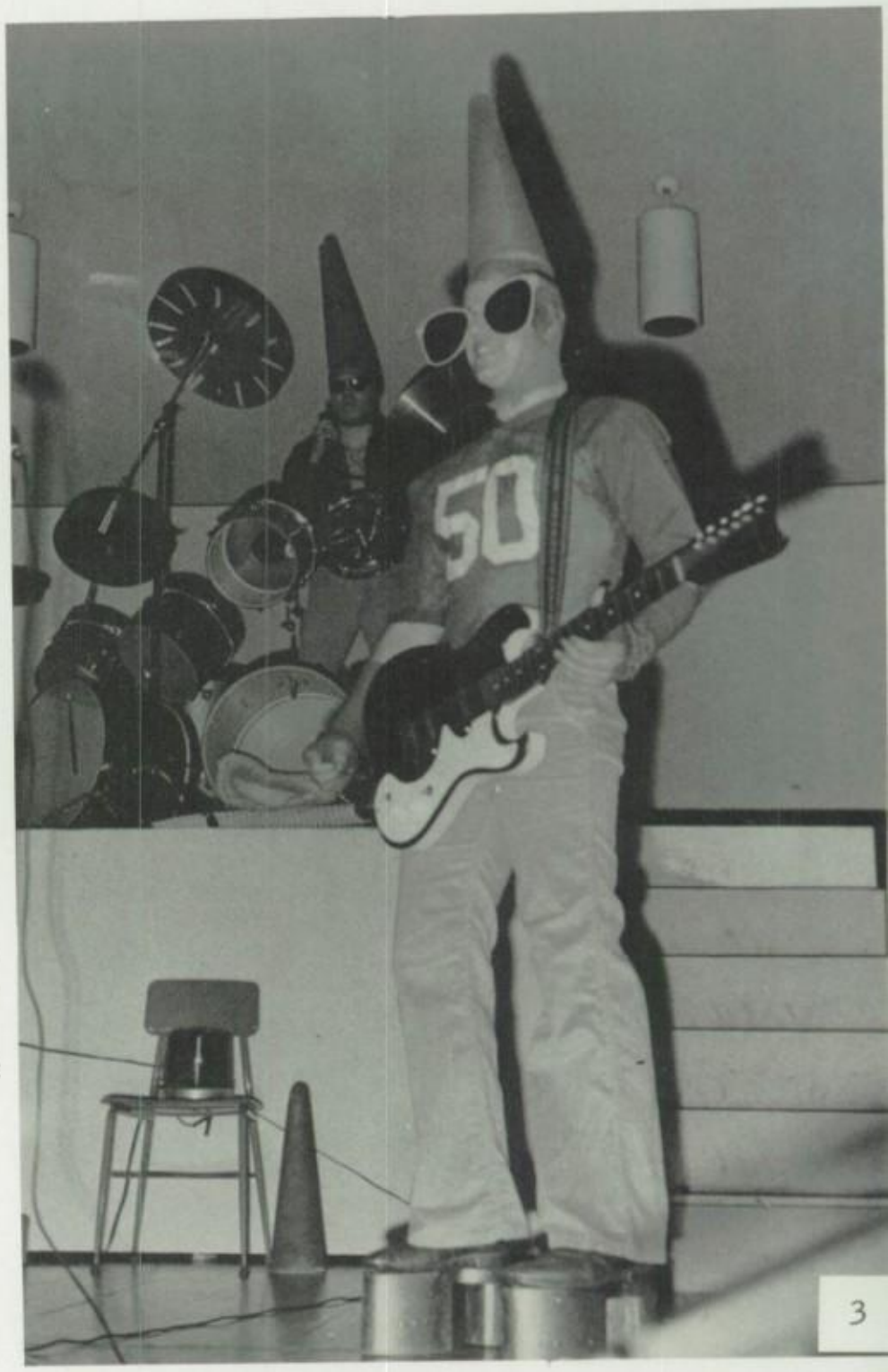

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(1) Junior Steve Smith reports on the RHS evening news. (2) Acting out a skit, faculty members Jan Knowles and Bob Benzel, hire Samurai coach, Steve Brennan. (3) Coneheads, seniors Rich Watson and Mark Harrison, perform "Shout It Out Loud."

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(1) Junior Chris Lee, of Ralston, performs with other members of the band Stormcrow, Jim Carpenter and Vince Scott, the song "Rock and Roll." (2) Junior Roger Reese performs a card trick, while Dave Pratt assists. (3) Junior Jim Williams and seniors Rick LaRosa, Mike Sewell, Steve Gibbs and Jay Scott, sing "Take Me Back," from the movie "Rocky." (4) Johnny Rock, senior Steve Gibbs, and sophomore Laurie Benson, help hold up roller skating queens, junior Kris Taylor and senior Lynn Larsen.

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activities

How is communicating important to. . .activities

"Before you can communicate, you must be involved with something or someone. School activities offer many avenues toward involvement—and from there, improved communication is just a step away. The friends you make, the activities you participate in, and the knowledge you gain in the process—all become means of opening yourself to the outer world."

LAUREL VAN DRIEST

"There should be communication between students; otherwise nothing would be able to be accomplished. All of our organizations: AFS, Student Council, would not work without communication. And we would not be able to sing together or put on plays or participate on a sports' team without communication between each other."

JAN ANTTILA

"Activities must have good communication with the student body as well as the faculty in order to get them involved. Activities are an important learning process for everyone, just as the classrooms are. The involvement a person experiences in different clubs, music, sports, etc., makes for a well-rounded education."

GREG BRINKER

"A person should have good communicating habits. Communications is important within and among such clubs and organizations as AFS, DECA and Student Council because it develops cooperation among students and makes these clubs and organization more effective and fun."

RON CLINE

Students honored for many activities

Throughout the year, Ralston students were involved in both academic and extracurricular activities, and many received honors for their achievements in these areas.

Toward the beginning of the year, senior Paul Branch and junior Grant Haddix received awards at the Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair. Branch won Air Force, Army, and Navy awards, and Haddix won a Navy award.

Later in the year, senior Laurel VanDriest was named as a National Merit Scholarship winner, and DECA had two students, senior Shanita Spencer and junior Greg Emshoff, who placed first at Nationals.

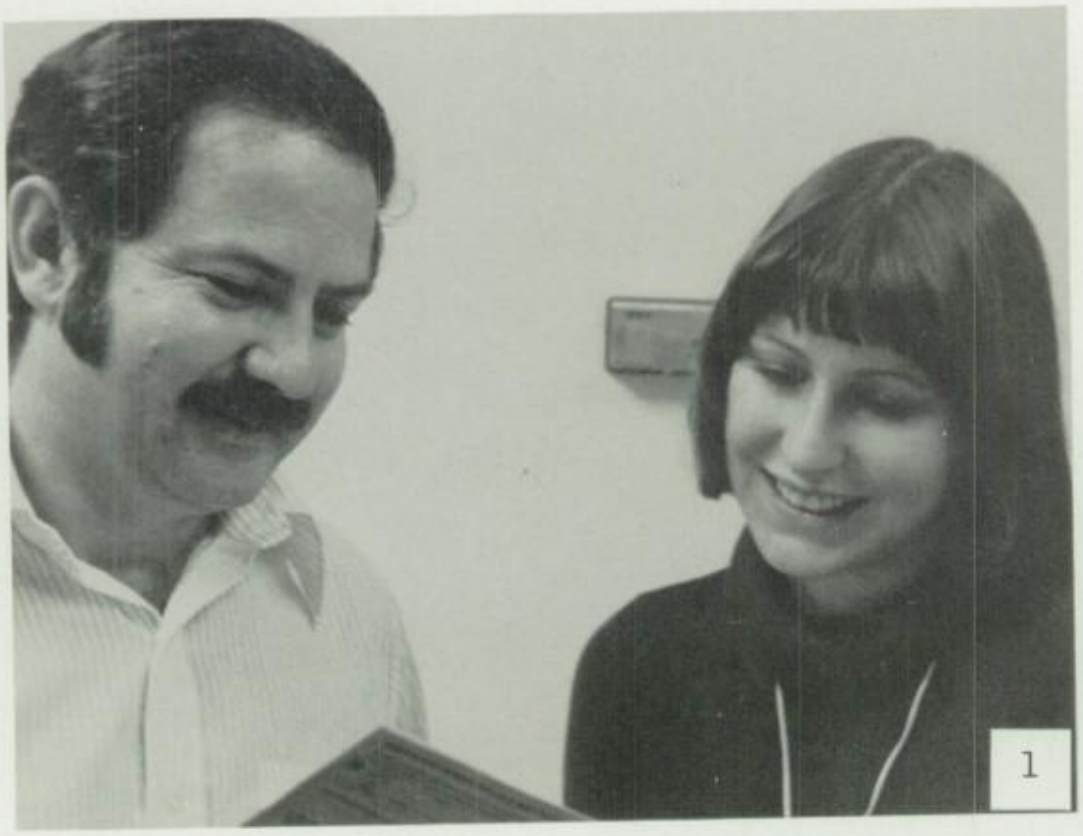
On May 18, the annual Honors' Convocation was held. During the evening event, 20 seniors were given scholastic letters. Receiving letters for all A's and B's were: Paul Branch, Christina Hellmer, Kay Bredthauer, Mike Dwornicki, Mary Freberg, Theresa Goblirsch, Sandy Larson, Brian Meyer, Shareene Mitchell, Tim Moody, Nelson Perry, Mike Piontkowski, Guy Plugge, Jane Rausch, Cari Rehmeier, Steve Schmitt, Sandy Senter, Jim Slominski, Laurel VanDriest, and Jerry Wilkening.

In addition, over 100 other students were honored for various other achievements. Winning awards in English were seniors Steve Polchert and VanDriest, Mitchell and Branch; in math, seniors Dave Fucinaro, Tim Moody, and VanDriest; U.S. History, junior Pete Jensen; and in social studies, senior VanDriest, juniors Julie Grell and Bee, DouaLor, Phia, Lor Mong and Voua Yang.

In chemistry, Branch and Mitchell; in debate, senior Tom Latta and junior Ann Beeder and freshmen Tracy Johnson and Steve Morgan; in art, seniors Joe Piper, Denise Brasel, Chuck Barr, Pam Negley and Sue Perry; and in drama, seniors Mike Sewell and Keith Kettelhut.

Sophomore Dave Hatten was presented with the Exchange Club Award, which is given annually to an "outstanding" sophomore boy; junior Janet Hobza was recognized as drill team captain; and juniors Jan Morrissey, Sean Nemec and Todd Frady, and freshman Steve Beideck were honored by Student Council.

Also recognized were 41 journalism students, 43 French students, and 16 Spanish students. Refreshments were served after the convocation.



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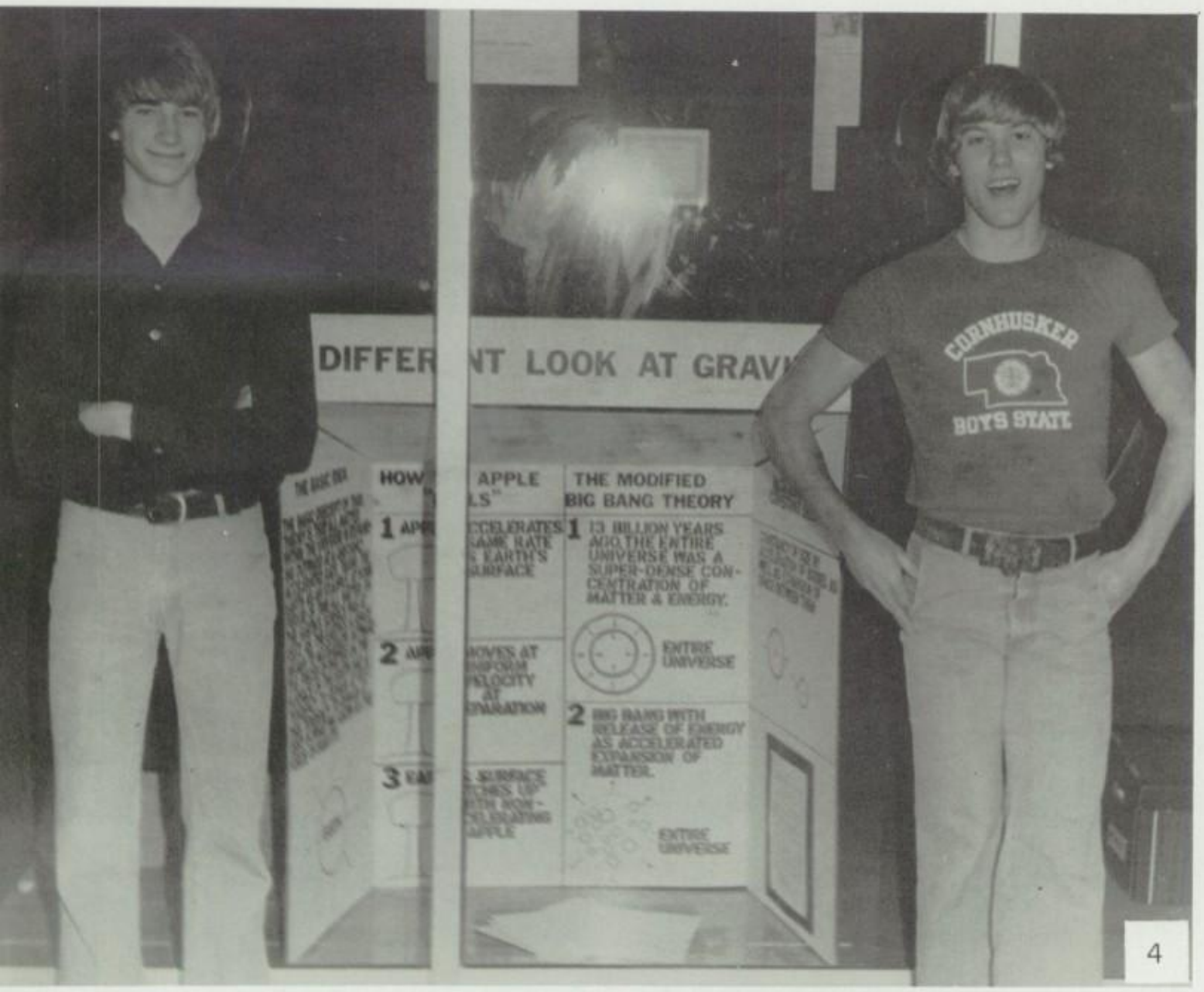
(1) Counselor Gene Seran shows senior Laurel VanDriest the letter announcing her as the National Merit winner. (2) Freshman Steve Beideck gives teacher Ruth Borsheim the bookend award, which was voted on by the students. (3) Juniors Bee, Doualor and Voua Yang receive a social studies award from Dr. John Gilfillan. (4) Junior Grant Haddix and senior Paul Branch show an award winning exhibit. (5) DECA sponsor Derald Ferguson, senior Shanita Spencer, and junior Greg Emshoff show awards they received at Nationals.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NINE ARE CHOSEN

Quill and Scroll initiation is May 2

Parents and administrators were on hand for the fourth annual Quill and Scroll initiation held May 2.

Quill and Scroll president Steve Polchert and vice-president Laurel VanDriest, seniors conducted the ceremony.

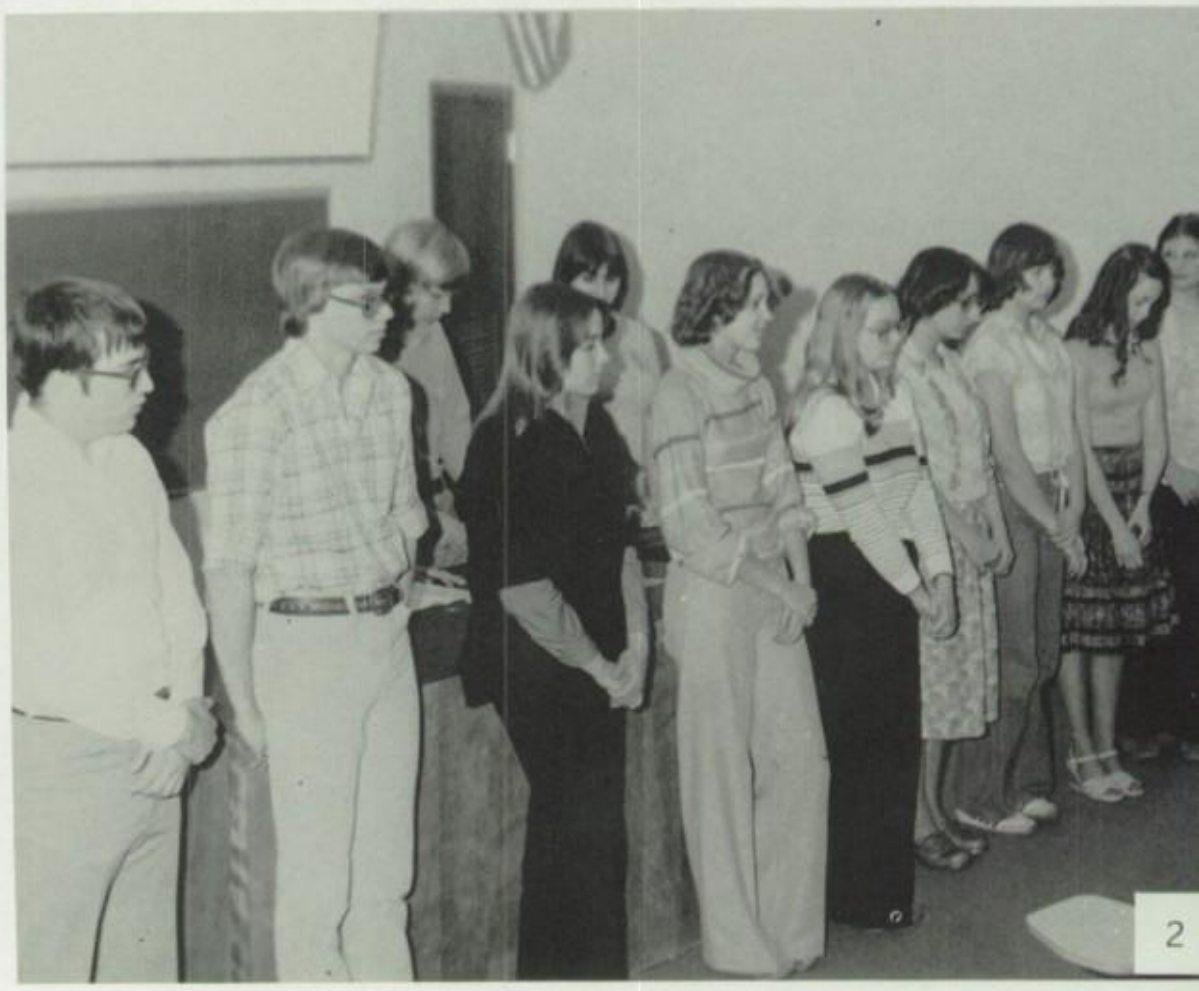
Seniors chosen from the newspaper staff were Mark Tolan, Linda Caldwell and Bill Glismann. Juniors were Chris Lockmon and Michelle Pape.

Students from the yearbook staff were seniors Cari Rehmeier and Carol Krause and juniors Tami Ludwig and Kim Freemyer.

To qualify students must rank in the upper third of their class, be voted on by their fellow staff members and approved by Mrs. Linda Jensen, adviser.

VanDriest, Polchert and senior Al Rotella were all previously initiated into Quill and Scroll last year.

QUILL AND SCROLL. FRONT ROW: S. Polchert, L. Van Driest. ROW 2: B. Glismann, T. Ludwig, M. Pape, M. Tolan. BACK ROW: L. Caldwell, K. Freemyer, C. Lockmon, C. Rehmeier, C. Krause.

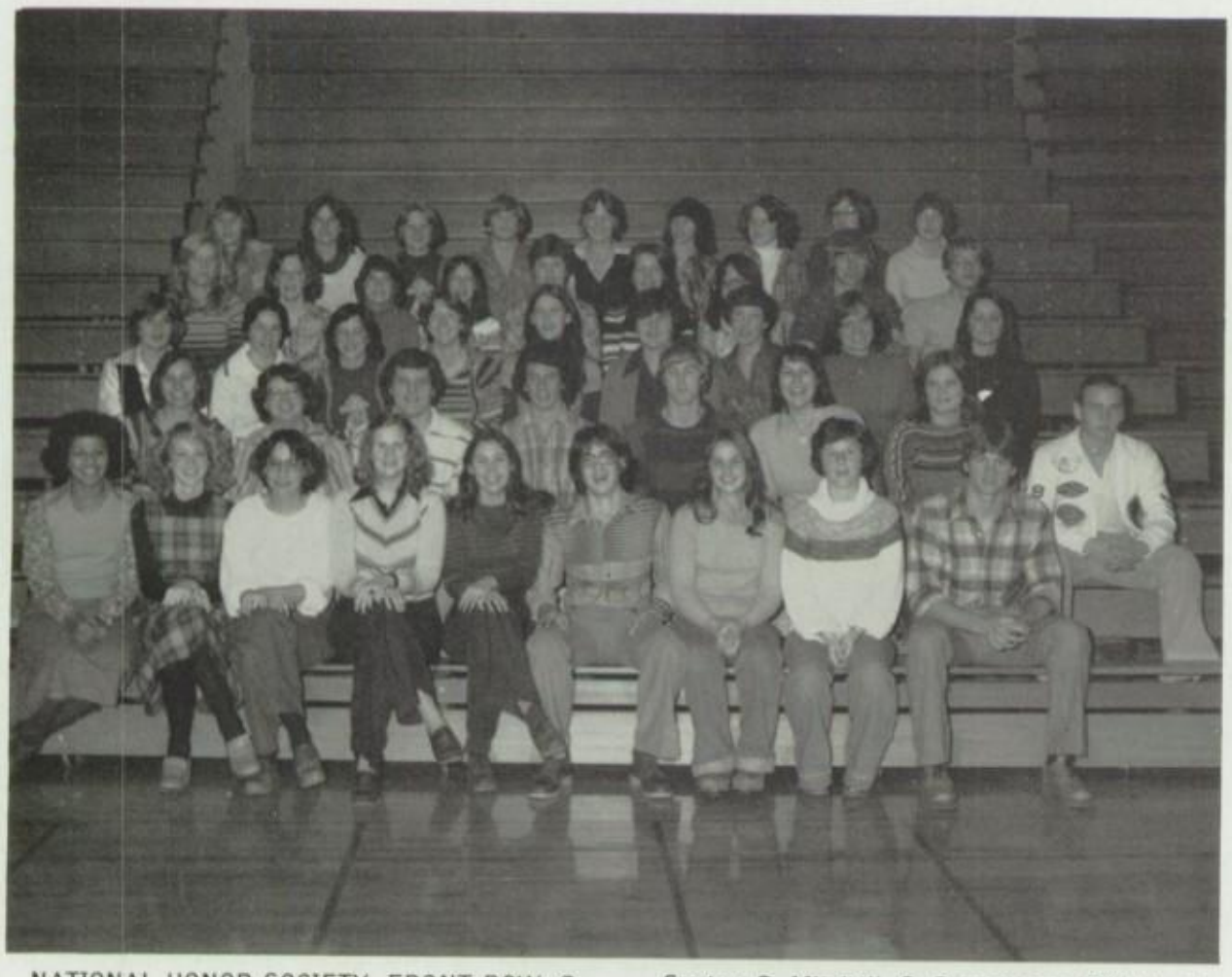


(1) Quill and Scroll adviser, Mrs. Linda Jensen, and seniors Steve Polchert and Laurie Van Driest prepare for induction ceremony. (2) New Quill and Scroll members await their initiation.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. FRONT ROW: P. Jensen, G. Haddix, B. Ward, K. Homburg, L. Rosman, K. Inman, L. Powers, V. Schroder, P. VanFleet, A. Hultberg. ROW 2: L. Yang, P. Ludwig, L. Moschel, T. Frady, J. Tuch, T. Ludwig, L. Nelson, D. Fleming, D. Fick, K. Freemyer, L. Benson. ROW 3: E. Storm, R. Chandler, K. Larson, J. Kaipus, C. Eischeid, L. Retzlaff, B. Staab, G. Toft, P. Wiseman, T. Whitney. ROW 4: C. Lockmon, L. Zadina, S. Schmid, M. Fowler, L. Vinduska, A. Beeder, J. Bowersox, L. Grobeck, S. Montalbano, K. Brazille, J. Lewellen. ROW 5: J. Herman, S. Collins, N. Perry, K. Brazille, M. Dwornicki, M. Tolan, M. Krause, K. Ryan, S. Larsen, R. Huff, M. Cullen, M. Higgens. BACK ROW: R. Amenta, D. Fucinaro, D. Meyers, G. Peterson, M. Pape, K. Johnson, S. Perry, J. Piper, J. Burry, D. Bauer, M. Sewell.

Seniors Steve Schmitt and Rick Larosa present a new National Honor Society member, senior Mike Sewell.

NHS changes to evening ceremony



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. FRONT ROW: S. Spencer, S. Whetstone, C. Krause, M. Reinhardt, J. Rausch, S. Schmitt, T. Goblirsch, M. Slovek, J. Hanson. ROW 2: V. Zadina, T. Stevens, G. Brinker, R. LaRosa, P. Branch, L. VanDriest, C. Rehmeier, D. Gute. ROW 3: L. Zacek, J. Wilkening, D. Brasel, P. Hymans, D. Schutz, L. Burianek, S. Senter, S. Mitchell, S. Rasmussen. ROW 4: M. Freberg, S. Kelly, R. Newman, J. Kerndt, G. Fry, C. Ryan, M. Pigman, M. Piontkowski, T. Moody. BACK ROW: S. Polchert, S. Larsen, S. Olson, G. Plugge, L. Hacker, J. Anttila, D. McCue, K. Bredthauer, C. Ness.

Departing from tradition, National Honor Society held its induction ceremony in the evening—two days following the customary tapping at a student assembly.

Previously the induction followed the tapping.

Fifty-two juniors and thirteen seniors were sworn in on Dec. 1. Members of the student body, faculty, and the parents of the initiates attended.

Mr. Keith Gilliland, sponsor for NHS, said that students who are selected to the Society must have attended two consecutive semesters at RHS and have a "B" average before becoming eligible for the society.

Mr. Gilliland also said that all students selected for National Honor Society have outstanding leadership, character, service to the school, and scholarship.

Officers were: president Guy Plugge, vice-president Steve Schmitt, secretary Theresa Goblirsch, and treasurer Denise Brasel, all seniors.

Newspaper receives plaque for first

The RAM TALES staff began the year by receiving a plaque for winning first place in the final Apollo Conference competition.

In addition the newspaper won an International Honor award from Quill and Scroll Society, and placed second in the Nebraska High School Press Association competition at UNL in October.

Five staff members received recognition for their work during a clinic April 20, at UNO. Honored were senior Laurel Van Driest, who tied for first runner-up in best column writing; juniors Jackie Carbullido, third-runner-up for best editorial; and Michelle Pape, runner up for best news event. Senior Steve Polchert received an honorable mention for column writing, and sophomore Greg Seeward, runner-up in news photo.

Five students participated at the state competition in Lincoln. Van Driest placed first in column writing and tied for third in editorial writing; Polchert placed second in editorial writing. Other students who made the finals were Pape, in advertising, and freshman Brian Trogden, editorial cartooning.

(1) Co-editors-in-chief, seniors Steve Polchert and Laurel Van Driest, discuss newspaper layout with staff member, junior Chris Lockmon. (2) Mr. Gary Schweikhart, disc jockey from KQ 98, relaxes before speaking to students at the annual journalism banquet.

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NEWSPAPER. FRONT ROW: C. Lockmon, T. Whitney, M. Pape, M. Tolan, S. Polchert. BACK ROW: C. Smith, L. VanDriest, G. Foehlinger, P. Fry, S. Sunde.

YEARBOOK. FRONT ROW: K. Freemyer, J. Huntley, L. Trede, C. Moore, C. Rehmeier. ROW 2: T. Ludwig, M. Daganaar, G. Iltzsch, K. Garnatz, S. Larson, adviser L. Jensen, C. Krause. BACK ROW: B. Talamante, R. Watson, M. Markoff.

Two staff members compete at state

Junior Lori Trede and sophomore Sue Meehan discuss staff positions for next year at the annual journalism banquet on April 13 at Anthony's.

Two yearbook staff members were preliminary winners in the Nebraska High School Press Association championships. Going to state on April 29 in Lincoln were senior Mark Daganaar, in theme writing; and senior Rich Watson, in layout and copy writing.

Editor-in-chief of the RAM was senior Cari Rehmeier, assisted by co-editors, seniors Carol Krause, and Daganaar. Other positions on the staff were filled by seniors Michelle Markoff, girls' sports editor, Watson, boys' sports editor, Sandy Larson, activities editor, Bernie Talamante, underclass editor, Lorrie Culver, faculty editor; and juniors Kim Freemyer, student life editor, Tami Ludwig, senior section editor, and Gina Iltzsch, business manager.

TOURNAMENT HELD

Patricipation in new group is good

"So students would have the opportunity to play chess with each other in a learning environment, and to discuss and develop their skills at this challenging game," was why chess club was formed, according to sponsor Jim Wolfe.

Despite the fact that this was the club's first year at Ralston, participation was good. A round robbin tournament was played first semester and when it ended just before Christmas vacation, over 100 games had been played. In February, four students from Ralston attended the Nebraska state chess championship meet at Lincoln.

In March, the club held a Ralston Open Swiss tournament with trophies given for first and second, and for the women's division.

CHESS CLUB. FRONT ROW: G. Vahl, P. Rea, E. Klein, G. Powell, J. Hungerford, G. White, S. Carole. BACK ROW: J. Slomenski, S. Folken, T. Ryan, M. Garnatz, D. Davenport.

(1) Freshman Gregg White concentrates on his next move during a chess game. (2) Freshman Renee Pope registers participants in a debate tournament.

DEBATE. FRONT ROW: S. Morgan, R. Pope, P. Pritchard. ROW 2: D. Ketcham, S. Beideck, D. Ashbee, T. Johnson. BACK ROW: T. Latta, sponsor M. Klipfel, A. Beeder.

Latta is no. 1 in Student Congress

The varsity debate team's year was filled with numerous competitive events and awards.

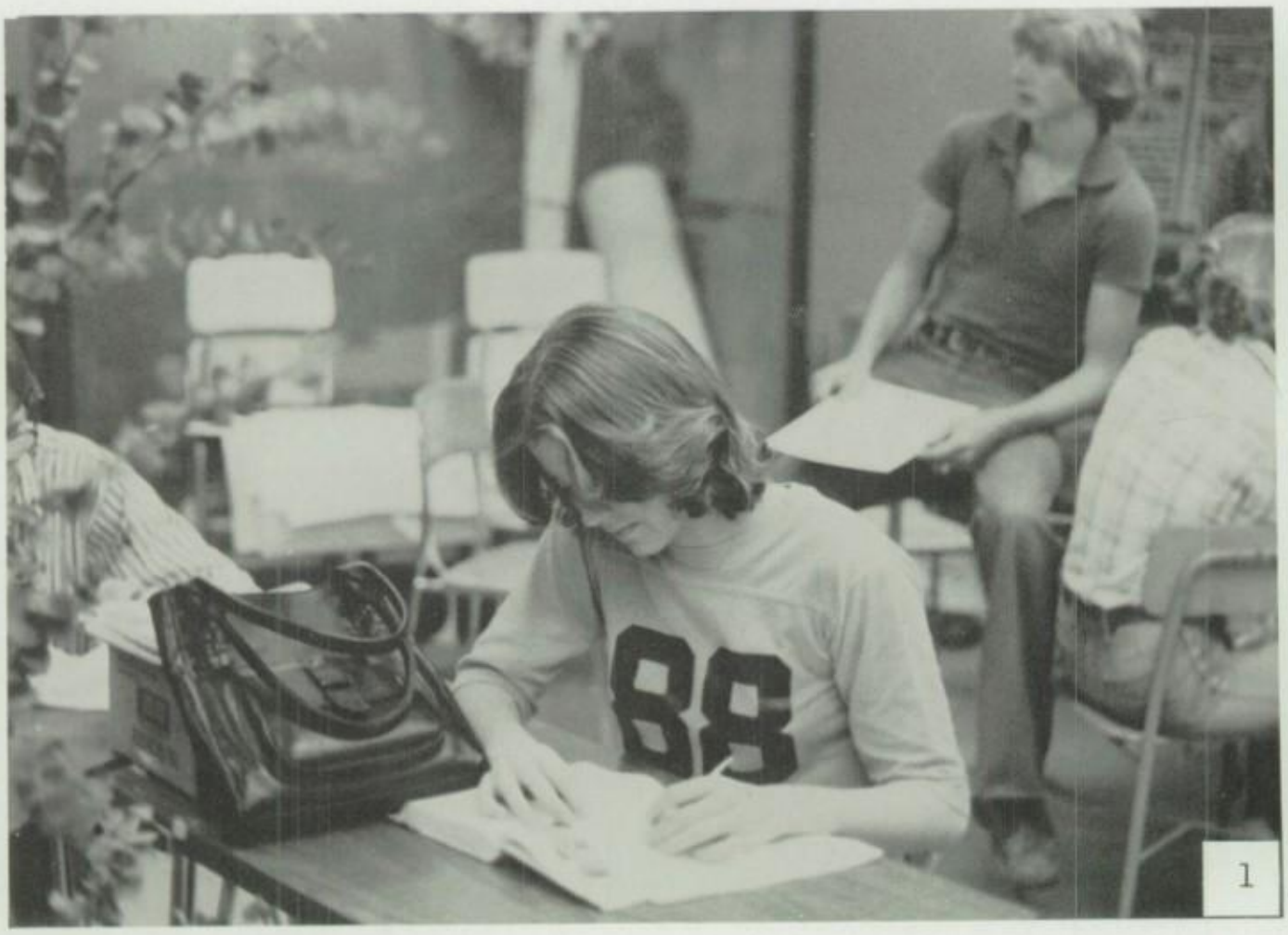
Junior Ann Beeder and freshman Tracy Johnson won fourth place in the National Forensic League of Nebraska tournament while freshman Paul Pritchard and senior Tom Latta placed eighth.

At the state tournament, Latta and Beeder won fifth while Pritchard and Johnson finished with a 5-2 record.

In speech activities Latta finished second in state extemporaneous speaking while Beeder finished fourth. During a national qualifying tournament, Latta again took second in boys extemporaneous while Beeder took the same award in girls' extemporaneous.

Latta finished first in Student Congress and went on to represent Ralston in national competition.

Debate sponsor Mary Klipfel assists student in preparing for a debate match.



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Six Deca Students win first at State Conference

"Ralston's Deca has always had a winning tradition, and this year's group has made that tradition even stronger," said sponsor Derald Ferguson about the Deca members that attended the State Conference.

The State Conference was held on March 2, 3, and 4, at the Omaha Hilton. There were six winners from Ralston. Senior Shanita Spencer won first place for girl student of the year and took first place in apparel and accessories. Junior Greg Emshoff placed first in finance and credit and placed second for boy student of the year. Junior Kim Malone placed third in advertising, and senior Mike Fry placed fourth in petroleum management. Junior Michele Fideline received the outstanding chapter leadership award and was elected district vice-president, and junior Gail Toft was elected state vice-president.

Deca members took part in many projects during the '77-'78 school year. One of them was the sponsorship of an Easter Seals Dance-a-thon in which many of the members danced. The club was also a co-chairman with the Jaycees on the Honey Sunday project. They also participated in an employer-employee banquet, set up a Big Brother-Big Sister program, had a Christmas party, and held a garage and bake sale to raise money for Nationals.

Members also attended Deca workshops to acquire leadership skills. There was one held in Kearney, and the Central Regional Leadership Development Conference was held in Bismark, North Dakota.

The Career Development Conference (Nationals) was held in Washington, D.C. from May 7 to May 12.

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(1) Junior Sharon Folkerts works on fashion merchandising. (2) Deca adviser Derald Ferguson and senior Doug Durham work on campaigns for the state convention. (3) Deca president, senior Shanita Spencer, speaks to club members at the state convention.

DECA. FRONT ROW: D. Durham, M. Fry, G. Emshoff, T. DiGiacomo, G. Toft, B. Staab, S. Spencer, L. Retzlaff, adviser, D. Ferguson. ROW 2: M. Durae. M. Cavalieri, J. Coplin, D. Caskey, J. Hynes, C. Will, M. Secret, S. Rundall. BACK ROW: B. Davie, K. Ryder, J. Pistello, P. Parsons, S. Watson, J. Morissey, M. Durae.

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DECA OFFICERS. FRONT ROW: S. Spencer, G. Toft, T. DiGiacomo, G. Emshoff. BACK ROW: L. Retzlaff, B. Staab, M. Fideline, M. Fry, D. Durham.

FBLA members place at State

Eighteen members of FBLA attended the annual state convention held April 6-9 at the Omaha Hilton. "Ralston was right on top," said Mrs. Charleen Kremke. "I was really pleased. We did a very good job as far as winning awards. Even though we didn't get a first, the number of wins made us one of the top groups there."

The Ralston FBLA won a "Gold Key Chapter" award for the most active chapters in the state and is eligible for competition in the national Gold Key contest. The group tallied two second place awards, one third place, and two honorable mentions. Convention competition covered anything that pertained to business.

Activities sponsored by FBLA were a fleamarket, an annual tea for parents of FBLA members, and a trip to Westroads with handicapped children to visit Santa Claus.

Officers for FBLA were president Carla Wortman, junior; and vice-president Marlene Marchese, treasurer Sandy McMinn, and secretary Cheryl Ness, all seniors.

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(1) Sophomore Pat Eccles and senior Sue Denny (upper right) entertain handicapped children from Sunset Hills. (2) Sponsors of FBLA are Mrs. Lorna Brennan and Mrs. Charleen Kremke. (3) Seniors, treasurer Sandy McMinn, secretary Cheryl Ness, vice president Marlene Marchese, and junior, president Carla Wortmam, attend officer's workshop at Holiday Inn.

French students vacation in Canada

The French Club held various activities to raise money for a summer trip to Canada.

In February they sponsored a Hoedown, which included games and songs presented by Ralston area students. Concessions, cowboy hats, and Ram T-shirts were sold.

Other money-makers were a disco dance and a film for children in the theater.

French Club officers are president Teri Stevens, senior; vice president Teresa Haugen, junior; treasurers Debbie McCue, senior, and Becky Staab, junior.

FRENCH CLUB. FRONT ROW: T. Whitney, J. Wilkening, C. Wortman, T. Haugen, L. Vinduska, V. Yang. ROW 2: J. Grell, A. Fowler, P. Wiseman, J. Anttila, L. Retzlaff, S. Mitchell, T. Stevens, P. Yang, sponsor K. Hartley. BACK ROW: B. Ferring, M. Wilcoxson, M. Reinhardt, D. McCue, J. Rausch, B. Staab, D. Muldoon.

FBLA. FRONT ROW: J. Campbell, C. Wilson, K. Anderson, K. Kenney, J. Green, M. Marchese, D. Clark. ROW 2: S. Denny, C. Curran, C. Denny, T. Husak, S. McMinn, P. Eccles, S. Sadler, V. Noffke, I. Graves. BACK ROW: sponsor L. Brennan, M. Fowler, L. Vinduska, C. Ness, D. McCue, C. Wortman, C. Sestak, C. Baillargeon, J. Baillargeon, sponsor C. Kremke.

Junior Pam Wiseman collects money at the door for the French Club Hoe Down.

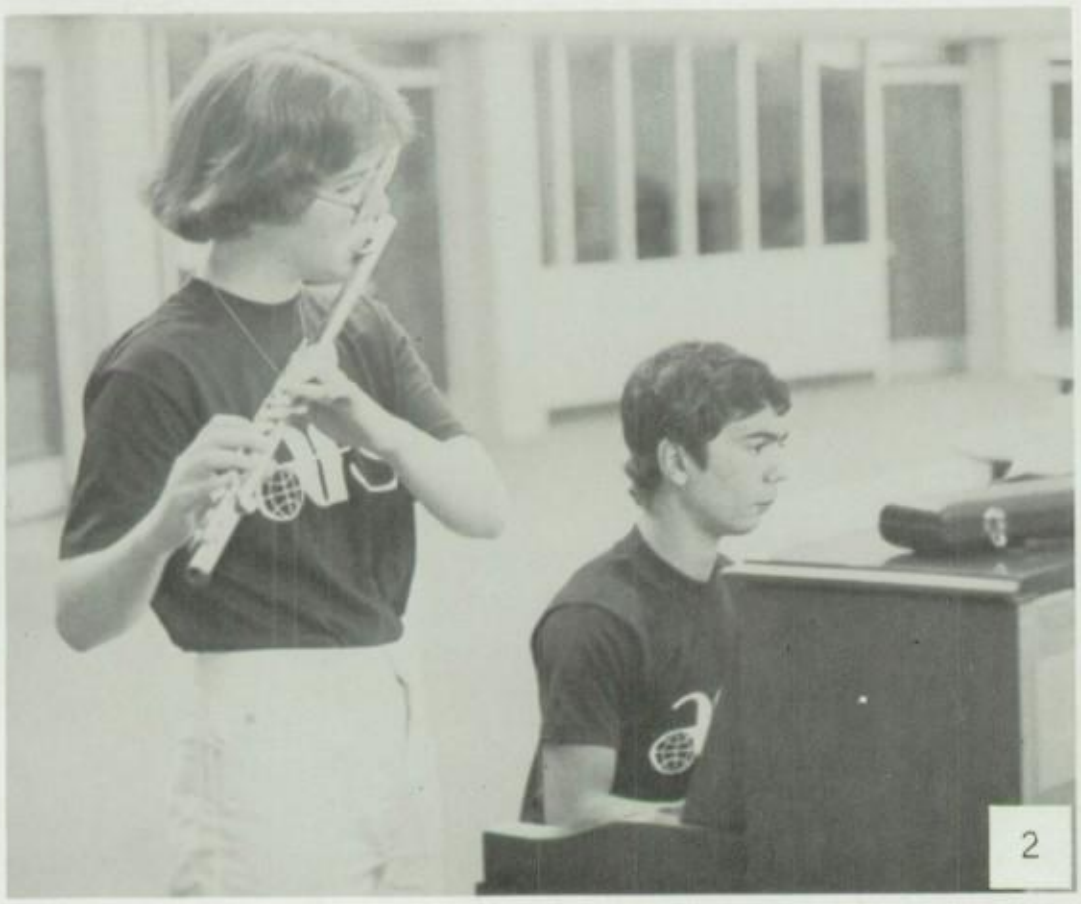
Two exchange youth attend RHS; Finland, Italy are represented

Thanks to the efforts of many AFS members, the foreign exchange program at Ralston High continues to grow every year. This year two students, Eeva Silvasti from Finland, and Paolo Mancosu from Italy, attended RHS.

The first AFS weekend was held on March 9-12. This weekend is held not only for the fun the students have while attending the different activities, but also so many families can experience a "short term" foreign exchange student in their homes. During this weekend the exchange students from throughout the Mid-west came to stay with families at RHS. Many events and activities were planned, but they were also given the opportunity for free-time.

Beside the AFS bookstore, a new money-making project to help carry out next year's activities was held. The club composed a cookbook containing recipes from students and many people throughout the United States, including many famous and important political persons.

Officers for the year of 1977-78 were seniors Cari Rehmeier, president, Theresa Goblirsch, vice-president, and juniors Chris Lockmon, secretary, and Michelle Pape, treasurer.



(1) Foreign exchange students from South America and Portugal perform a Portuguese song during the talent show at the AFS weekend. (2) Eeva Silvasti and Paolo Mancosu, Ralston's two foreign students, entertain AFS members at a get-acquainted party. (3) Bev Rehmeier, Alice Rausch and Jan Lockmon, members of the adult chapter of AFS, discuss plans for the cookbook. (4) Foreign exchange students entertain AFS members and host families at the AFS weekend.

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AFS. FRONT ROW: M. Reinhardt, L. Vinduska, E. Silvasti, E. Carl, L. Smith, P. Mancosu, A. Fowler. ROW 2: C. Lafferty, T. Goblirsch, S. Applegate, N. Cross, K. Schroeder, L. Nelson, J. Tuch, K. Johnson, P. Wiseman, A. Hultberg. ROW 3: P. Landers, M. Freberg, S. Rassmussen, D. Rozmiarek, C. Lockmon, L. Burianek, M. Pape, V. Schroeder, L. Powers, C. Reiff, C. Rehmeier. BACK ROW: K. Fry, L. Zadina, S. Schmid, S. Larsen, K. Bredthauer, C. Denny, D. Apperson, S. Mitchell, D. Ludwig, J. Rausch, P. Branch, C. Stevenson, L. Van Driest, sponsor R. French.

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RHS hosts NASC annual convention

Student Council officers for the '77-78 school year were senior Patti Johnson, president; junior Denise Peitzmeier, vice-president; junior Jan Morrissey, secretary; and sophomore Laurie Kealy, treasurer. Senior Jeri Wilkening was also the state secretary. Sponsor was Mr. Duane Hemminger.

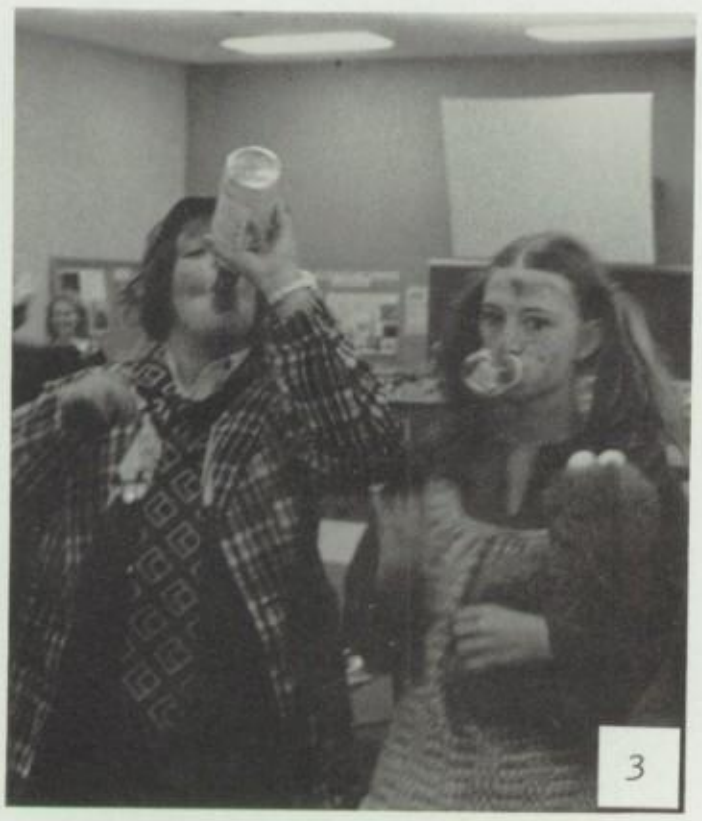
Along with the council's usual activities such as the mock olympics, Criss Cross and Toys for Tots, it also hosted the NASC State Convention. The council met several times during the summer to prepare for the convention, the largest ever, in which 99 schools participated.

Senior Diane Schutz welcomes fellow Student Council members from surrounding schools during the NASC State Convention hosted by Ralston.

STUDENT COUNCIL. FRONT ROW: S. Beideck, C. Coppersmith, M. Herman, A. Bellus, R. Peterson, S. Lewis, K. Carbullido. ROW 2: S. Nemec, P. Landers, T. Simchuck, P. Rea, T. Teague, C. Collins, L. Kealy, R. Schroeder. ROW 3: J. Carbullido, K. Dusek, J. Morrissey, S. Spencer, K. Homburg, J. Wilkening, P. Johnson, J. Davis, sponsor D. Hemminger. BACK ROW: M. Fry, G. Brinker, J. Scott, M. Sewell, S. Nemec, A. Beeder, L. Burianek, D. Schutz.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB. FRONT ROW: M. Farrell, G. Graham, S. Denny, V. Zadina. BACK ROW: sponsor P. Allen, J. Campbell, T. Stevens, sponsor R. Hammel, C. Tucker.

FHA makes Halloween visit



(1) Members of the Home Ec. club try to earn money by sponsoring a bake sale. (2) Seniors Patti Johnson and Jeri Wilkening pause for a break while sorting toys collected for Toys for Tots. (3) Juniors Kathy Ferring and Andrea Logan dress up for a visit to Children's Hospital.

Members of the Home Economics club took part in several activities this year. Each member adopted a grandparent from the Good Samaritan Home. The club visited the children at Bergan Mercy Hospital for Halloween and also sponsored a bake sale.

Club officers were Marty Farrell, president, Vicki Zadina, vice-president, Teri Stevens, secretary, Sue Denny, treasurer, and Gayle Graham, program director.

The officers also attended the FHA State Convention.

'R' CLUB SELECTS 16

Annual initiation held April 24-25

Highlighting the year for the "R" club members was the fourth annual initiation held on April 24-25.

On Monday, the 16 new members had to wear shorts, carry a violation board, and carry their "R" club bricks. Tuesday, they wore ties. Both days, they had to obey all "R" club members and teachers, recite the school fight song and their "A jock is so low . . . " poems, and list the current members in alphabetical order.

Tuesday night started out with eating at coach Todd Seastedt's house. They then returned to school for a scavenger hunt and kangaroo court. The initiation ended about 1:30.

Officers for the '77-'78 year were: senior Tom Stokes, president; junior Rick Chandler, vice-president; senior Jon Hansen, treasurer; and senior Gary Luedders, sergeant at arms.

(1) Senior Rick LaRosa wears a tie and carries an "R" club brick for initiation. (2) Junior Bob Kruse sits in class on initiation day, wearing shorts and a violation board.

"R" CLUB. FRONT ROW: S. Sunde, R. LaRosa, S. Ingalls, T. Connor, D. Smith, T. Stokes, D. Wilken, D. Gute, C. Will, B. Krohn, R. Watson. ROW 2: M. Higgins, C. Spencer, G. Luedders, R. Amenta, J. Comstock, N. Perry, S. Todd, B. Kruse, B. Talamante. ROW 3: S. Nemec, D. Nordell, D. Huff, T. Alberico, M. Peterson, R. Blomstedt, R. Huff, B. Johnson. ROW 4: S. Dormer, B. Nienke, A. Rotella, M. Tolan, S. Larsen, E. Storm, R. Chandler, R. Stevens. BACK ROW: coach J. Osborne.

ART CLUB. FRONT ROW: T. Whitney, B. Sladky, C. Smith. ROW 2: sponsor B. Benzel, S. Perry, A. Wheeler, T. Whitney, T. DiGiacomo. BACK ROW: J. Piper, sponsor V. Grogran, S. Walla.

(1) Senior Joe Piper works on a contest painting. (2) A Combination coiling-weaving project made by senior Sherri Rundall hangs on display outside the art room.

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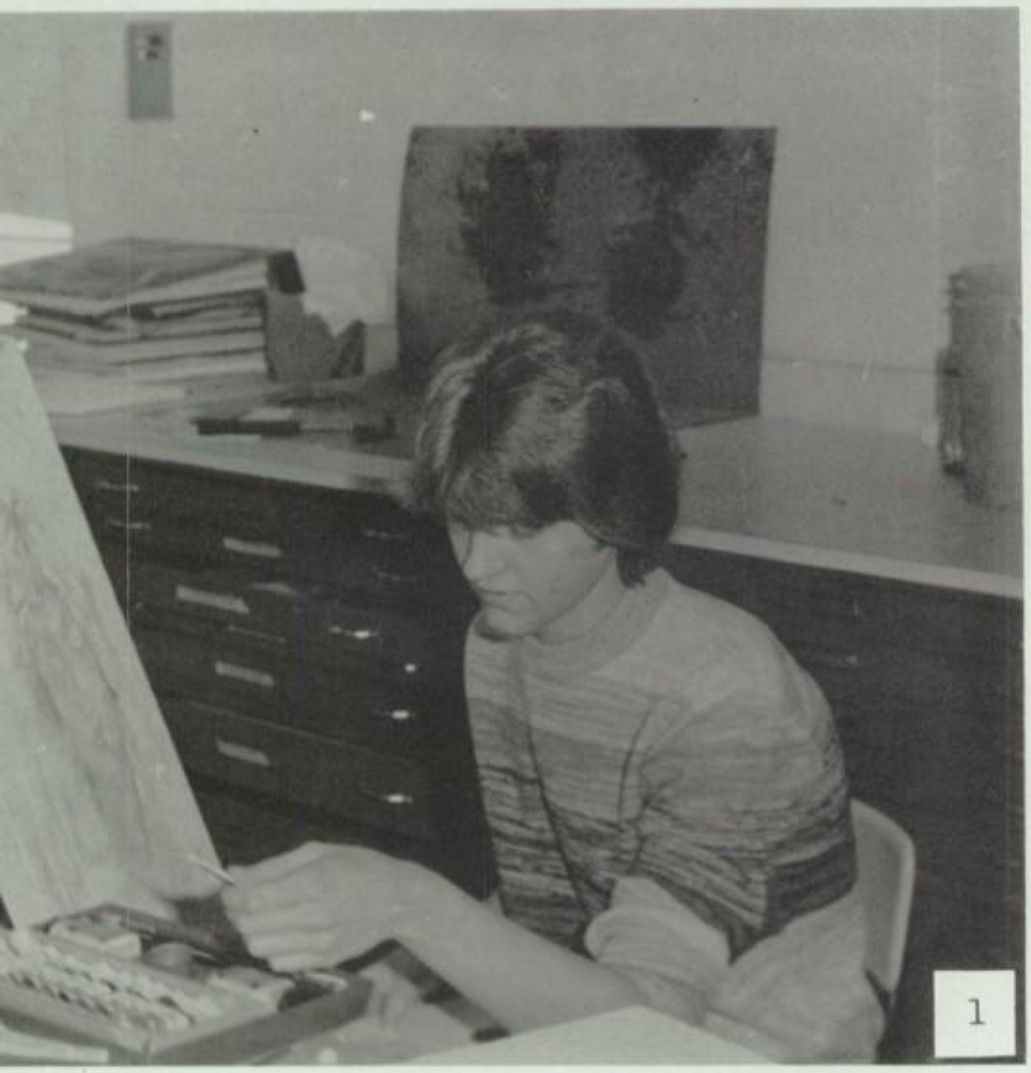

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Art club visits Kansas City May 29

Treble Choir gives fall performance

Several school concerts, performances around the area, and a trip to Lincoln highlighted the '77-'78 school year for the Treble Choir.

In October, the choir performed at the Papillion Manor Rest Home. In November, they sang for the annual Veteran's Day program. This program was held in front of the Ralston town hall. The choir gave a Christmas program in the Crossroads mall in December.

Treble Choir took a field trip to Lincoln to see the Scarlet and Cream Singers perform and afterwards went out to eat at Valentino's. Lastly, the choir had a picnic in May.

Director for the choir was Mrs. Karen Frerichs, former Ralston student, and accompanist was Mrs. Lana Hartman.

(1) Director, Ms. Frerichs, explains music technique to her Treble Choir class. (2) Accompanist, Mrs. Hartman, looks over music for Varsity Choir.

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TREBLE CHOIR. FRONT ROW: S. Couch, C. Nienke, D. Deman, J. Thacker, L. Cooper, L. Boehler, M. Herman, L. Schlot, C. Cvitak, L. Malone, C. Curran, S. Sewell, M. Kealy. ROW 2: T. Kohout, M. Gabrial, K. Sistak, M. Fishell, M. Gilreath, S. Drost, G. Vahl, V. McGuire, B. Bradshaw, P. Vaughan, T. Cvitak, J. Johnson, D. Smalley, M. Mitchel. BACK ROW: L. Fideline, J. Bredthauer, M. Bruening, C. VanFossen, S. Holmes, L. Benson, D. Shaul, L. Kealy, L. Johnson, K. Alex, K. Jensen, B. Coppenhaver, B. Wheeler, T. Dutch, S. Barber, C. Rogers.

VARSITY CHOIR. FRONT ROW: M. Quinn, S. Nemec, T. Heikens, J. Fick, C. Medlin, L. Nelson, K. Johnson, S. Adams, G. Fry, L. Burianek, K. Larson, L. Grobeck, P. Johnson. ROW 2: M. Connor, T. Ludwig, R. DaRosa, S. Applegate, W. White, M. Ritzman, M. Horst, S. Beideck, T. Stanton, R. Bruening, C. Collins, L. Herman, P. Hyman, D. Brazel. ROW 3: R. Chandler, G. Brinker, R. LaRosa, S. Gibbs, R. Wiggerson, J. Jahns, R. Bone, S. Whetstone, A. Hultberg, C. Krause, L. Malone, M. Pape, E. Carl, A. Shipper. BACK ROW: J. Scott, S. Nemec, D. Durham, M. Sewell, J. Williams, R. Stevens, S. Smith, M. Johns, S. Hilmer, J. Eischeid, P. Rea, L. Moschel, E. Silvasti, K. Rosenthal, K. Taylor.

Varsity Choir presents musical

VARSITY CHOIR. FRONT ROW: P. Sheridan, M. Reinhardt, A. Gilbreth, N. Ritzman, K. Homburg, C. Eischeid, D. Fick, M. Fowler, P. Ludwig, J. Grote, V. Zadina. ROW 2: K. Inman, J. Price, S. Montalbano, L. Cooper, J. Rausch, J. Anttila, G. Sheehan, K. Brazille, R. Huff, J. Herman, P. Foy, H. Kronberg. ROW 3: D. Fleming, B. Staab, K. Fruedenthal, J. Bowersox, C. Miles, K. Lind, B. Linquist, R. Schoenig, T. Hansen, D. Hatten, T. Vaughan. BACK ROW: M. Thaden, L. Benson, T. Stevens, J. Tuch, V. Hungerford, R. Dugger, P. Jensen, P. Vaughan, B. Schmelling, B. Bruns, M. VanCleave, S. Rezek.

The beginning of the year saw Varsity Choir preparing for the musical "Anything Goes" which was presented Nov. 2, 3, 5, and 6.

In October, try-outs were held at Bryan for the All-State Chorus. Students from Ralston who were chosen were seniors Sue Whetstone, Steve Gibbs, Rick LaRosa, Marla Thaden and Mary Reinhardt. The juniors chosen were Pam Ludwig and Kathy Larsen.

On Nov. 14, Varsity Choir, along with Treble Choir, Swing Choir and Chamber Singers, held the annual fall concert.

Following the fall concert was the first annual Vesper Concert, which was held in the theatre on Dec. 11. The Varsity Choir girls performed "A Ceremony of Carols" with guest harpist Anita Clark. The choir also performed as the honor choir at Wayne State College on March 18, for other high school choirs from Nebraska and Iowa.

At the district vocal music contest held in Plattsmouth, the choir received a "superior" rating.

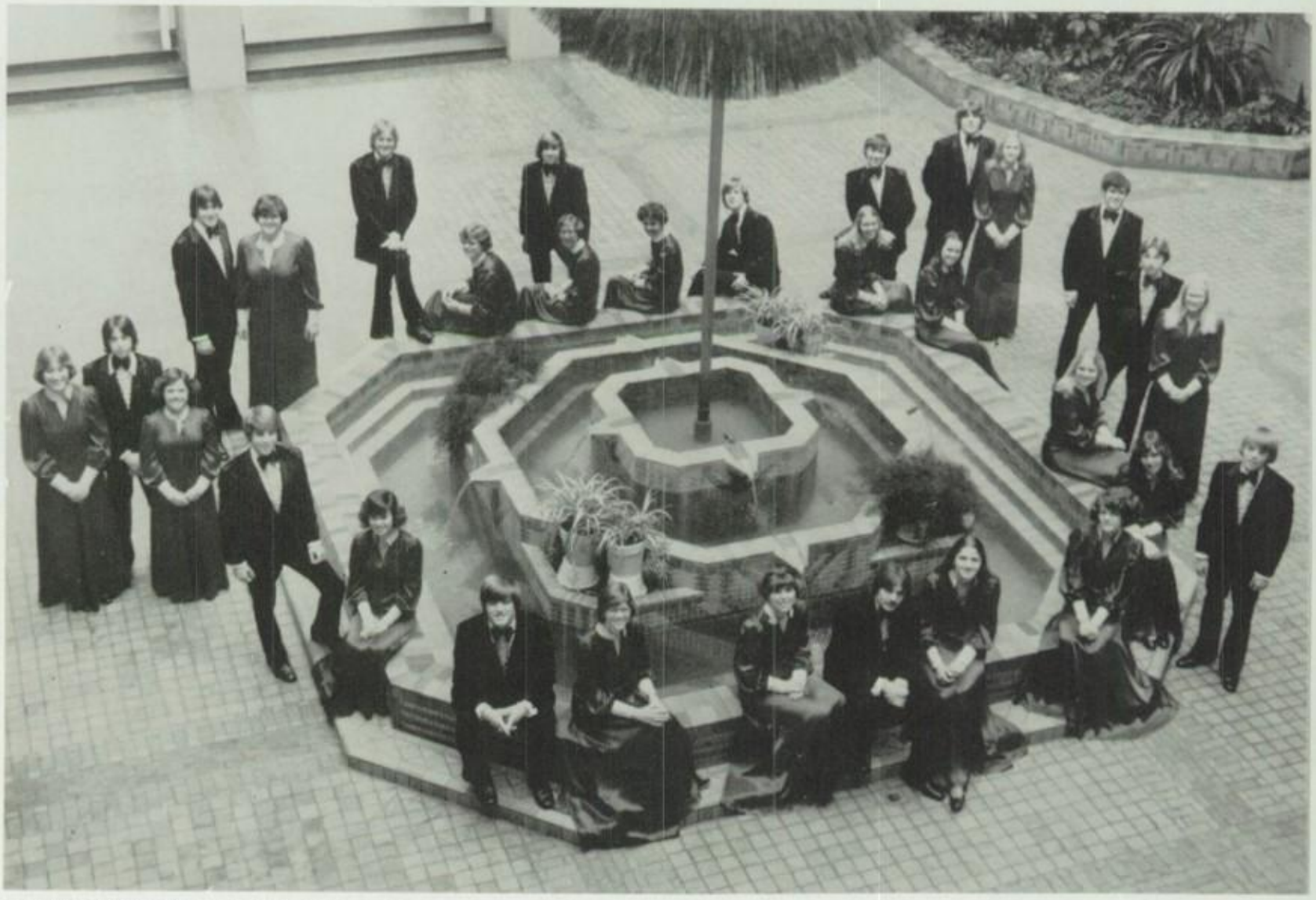
Singers receive superior rating

The 1977-78 Chamber Singers were under the direction of Mrs. Karen Frerichs. This was Mrs. Frerichs' first year as a teacher at Ralston; she was graduated from Ralston in '73.

The Chamber Singers attended and performed for the Nebraska Choral Directors' music convention at Kearney. The annual yule tide dinner was held in the high school cafeteria on Dec. 11. A performance at Joslyn Art Museum was also on the choir's schedule for the school year.

A "superior" rating was received by the group at the district music contest in April.

Chamber Singers parade behind a boar's head while singing a song about the significance of it at the yule tide dinner. Senior Doug Durham and junior Sean Nemec carry it.



CHAMBER SINGERS. FRONT ROW: S. Adams, B. Bruns, T. Heikens, H. Kronberg, C. Medlin, S. Rezek, J. Fick, P. Ludwig, M. Sewell, M. Fowler, N. Ritzman, K. Heires, B. Schmeling. BACK ROW: S. Nemec, L. Burianek, J. Scott, G. Fry, C. Eischeid, S. Applegate, K. Homburg, W. White, K. Fick, S. Frost, D. Durham, S. Rassmussen, C. Johnson, R. Stevens, M. VanCleave, A. Gilreath, L. Nelson.

Swing Choir travels to Minneapolis

Ralston's Swing Choir had over 25 performances during the 1977-78 school year, including the Stu-Co state convention, the Girl Scout awards at Peony Park, a dinner for the wives of athletic directors, and Minneapolis.

Money making projects, such as the gas raffle, were held to raise funds for the Feb. 9-12 trip to Minneapolis. Once there, they sang at the National Choral Directors' convention.

The directors' favorable reactions to the group's performance were indicated when they commented that the group looked professional because their dancing didn't interfere with their singing.

They also received a "superior" rating at the district music contest.

SWING CHOIR. FRONT ROW: D. Brasel, S. Frost, J. Rausch, P. Foy, R. LaRosa, S. Whetstone, S. Gibbs, S. Montalbano, C. Holman, M. Conner, J. Williams, J. Price, M. Reinhardt, G. Brinker. BACK ROW: P. Cline, M. Jahns, M. Cullen, T. Vaughan, C. Krause, J. Scott, R. Chandler, K. Larson.

Swing Choir members perform a number at a fall performance.

Band ensembles, quartets, trios earn high ratings at music contest

As a partial requirement for a letter in Varsity Band, members were placed in various trios, quartets, and ensembles with other students who played similar instruments. The groups did not perform for any of the band concerts throughout the year, but they all competed in the district music contest and received "1's" and "2's."

Flute trio members, juniors Sally Schmid, Lauri Zadina and Chris Lockmon, said, "The chance for us to work with fellow band members in small groups and toward a common goal helped each of us to improve our individual performances by giving constructive criticism to each other."

FLUTE TRIO. C. Lockmon, S. Schmid, L. Zadina.

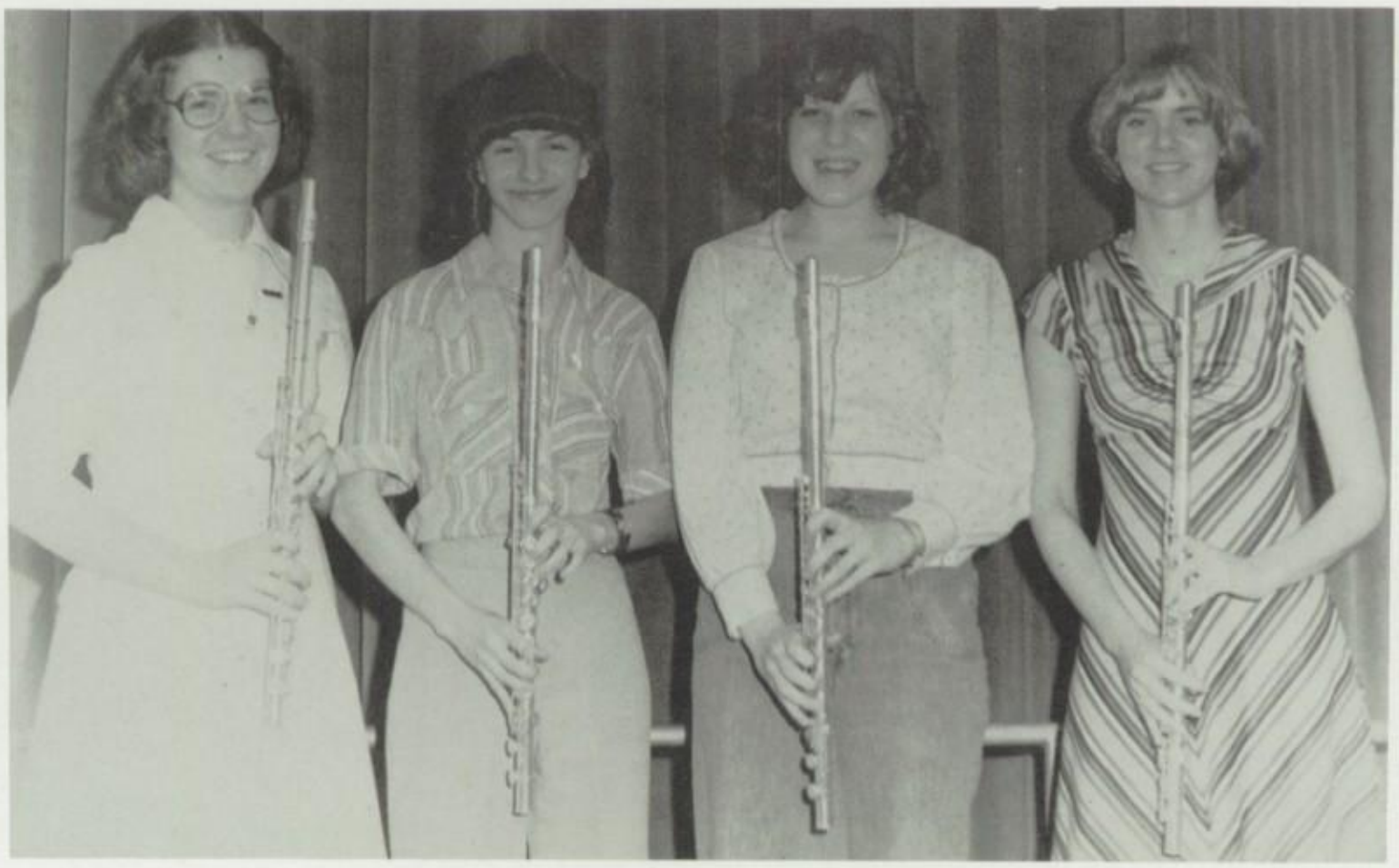
WOODWIND CHOIR. FRONT ROW: R. Rolle, K. Inman, T. Zabel, C. Cvitak, E. Carl, L. Zadina, C. Lockmon, S. Schmid, D. McCue. BACK ROW: L. Zacek, D. Carpenter, D. Rozmiarek, S. Beideck, M. Freberg, K. Alex, J. Burry, C. Felder, L. Owens, J. Tuch.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE. D. Anttila, L. Benson, M. Cullen, J. Jahns, M. Quandahl.

FRENCH HORN QUARTET: S. Ruhga, V. Ruhga, P. Jensen, K. Larson.

BRASS CHOIR. FRONT ROW: P. Ludwig, L. Moschel, J. Barnes, V. Ruhga, K. Larson. BACK ROW: M. Blanker, M. Jackson, M. Jahns, J. Fifer, P. Jensen, C. Johnson.

FLUTE QUARTET: E. Silvasti, J. Anttila, D. McCue, J. Watson.



Varsity Band takes trip to Florida, marches in Disney World parade

Ralston High's Varsity Band members set a goal for themselves, and through group participation in numerous fund raising activities, they accomplished this goal.

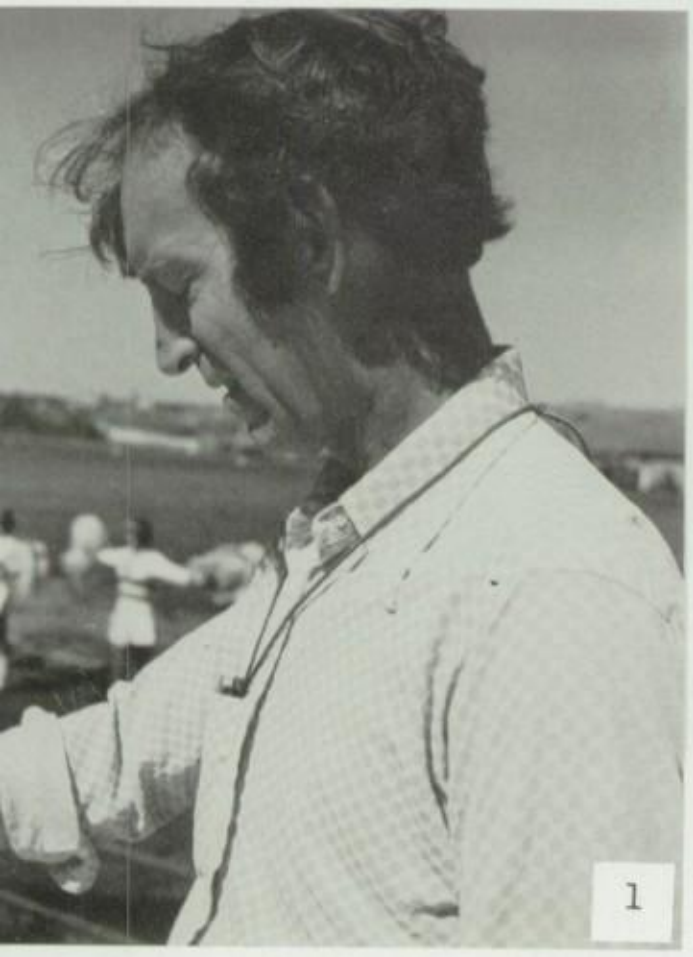
The band was invited to Orlando, Florida, and Walt Disney World from May 6 through May 9. During the trip, the band competed in the Annual Great American Band Contest and marched in the Mickey Mouse 50th Birthday Party parade. There was also plenty of time for pizza parties, swimming and trips through Disney World.

Officers for the 1977-78 year were seniors Jane Watson, president, and Marty Farrell, manager, and juniors Steve Smith, vice-president, Kate Hohan, secretary/treasurer, Pete Jensen, manager, and Shari Ruhga, librarian.

The band competed in the Nebraska all-state contest at Plattsmouth High school on Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, and received a rating of "2," an excellent.

(1) The varsity concert band performs at a fall band concert. (2) Senior band members receive recognition at the last home football game. (3) Sophomore Jenny McVey performs to "Hail Varsity," played by the band.

VARSITY BAND. FRONT ROW: F. Davis. R. Fucinaro, B. Miller, M. Krause, M. Cullen, M. Quandahl, L. Benson, L. Rosman. ROW 2: M. Jackson, K. Kunc, M. Blanker, K. Hilbers, S. Schmidt, K. Johnson, B. Schmeling, J. Hires, L. Boehler. ROW 3: P. Ludwig, C. Feilder, P. Jensen, S. Schoening, J. Wiebe, J. Tuch, J. Burry, E. Carl, S. Stansbury. ROW 4: H. Kronberg, S. Gibbs, L. Moeshel, R. Schoening, G. Wiebe, K. Sanborn, C. Davis, R. Tooker, J. McVey. ROW 5: L. Zacek, D. Bauer, S. Smith, M. Healton, J. Fifer, M. Farrell, S. Ruhga, K. Fry. ROW 6: D. Fleming, T. Trogden, L. Mock, K. Hoham, S. Haffke, A. Schipper, K. Inman, A. Lorenz. ROW 7: D. McCue, J. Watson, C. Lind, J. Rosenthal, C. Lockmon, C. Zacek, M. Freberg, A. Gero. ROW 8: R. Stansbury, M. Jahns, L. Zadina. S. Schmid, J. Antilla, C. Lafferty, C. Cvitak, C. Medlin. BACK ROW: K. Herman, M. Kealy, D. Shaul, D. Holman, S. Lewis, C. Reiff, P. Sheridan, G. Sheehan.



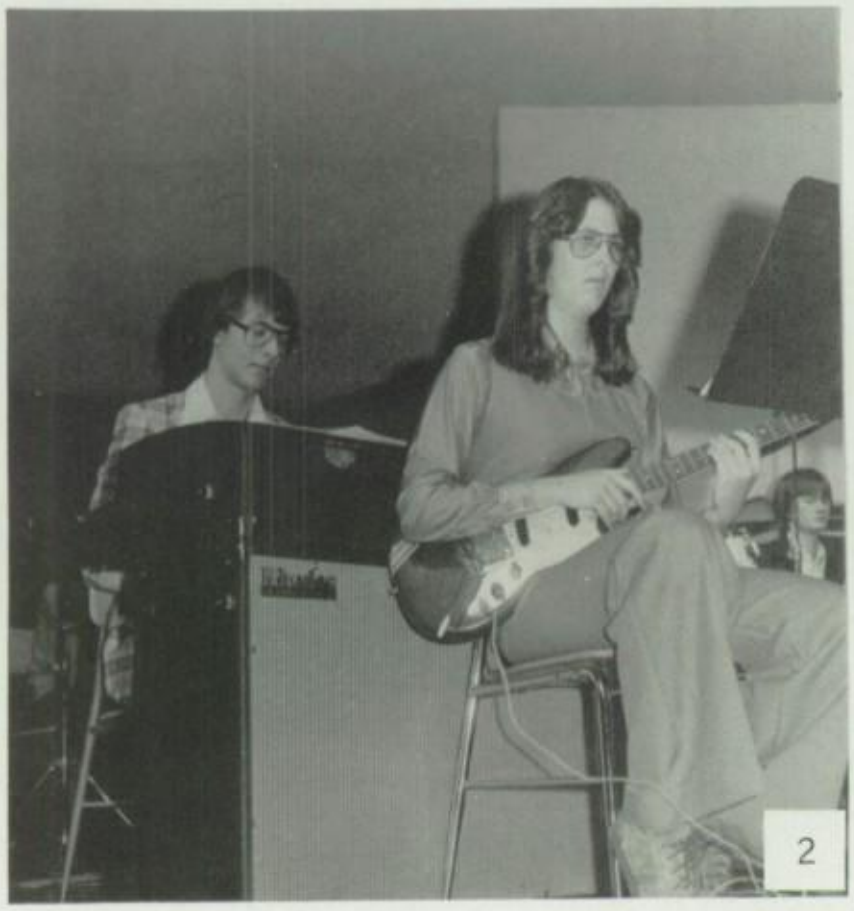
(1) Band director Larry Lutte examines sheet music, selecting the next song to be played by the pep band. (2) Senior Jane Watson concentrates on her playing during a fall football game.

Jazz Band limits size for enthusiasts

The fact that Jazz Band is limited in size means that each member is very important. "Jazz Band is basically a group of students who enjoy popular music and jazz," is the way the musicians were characterized by band director, Mr. Larry Lutte.

The Jazz Band participated in many events during the 1977-78 school year: the UNO jazz festival, Ralston fine arts festival, and they presented an elementary school tour in the fall.

The spring concert was held at Ralston, and it featured a performance by guitarist John Novak from Omaha.



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(1) Jazz Band performs under the direction of Mr. Larry Lutte at the fall band concert. (2) Sophomores Vicki Hungerford and Jeff Schuman practice for an upcoming music event. (3) Senior Lisa Moschel practices for the spring Jazz Band concert.

JAZZ BAND. FRONT ROW: V. Hungerford, J. Burry, M. Steele, T. Trogden, J. Heires. ROW 2: P. Mancosu, J. Schuman, K. Kunc, M. Jackson, M. Blanker, K. Hilbers. BACK ROW: M. Jahns, M. Cullen, L. Bensen, D. Bauer, M. Farrell, M. Hilton, H. Kronberg, S. Smith.

JV Band helps frosh make transition

JV BAND. FRONT ROW: T. Kohout, L. Owens, S. Skadeland, L. Linse, D. Bambini, L. Carl, S. Beideck, T. Zabel. ROW 2: L. Houck, L. Lorenz, K. Engle, D. Carpenter, C. Hultberg, P. Larson, R. Davis, D. Patton. ROW 3: R. Peterson, T. Cvitak, L. Kullenberg, V. Ruhga, T. Waffle, T. Wick, J. Jackson, R. Hamilton. ROW 4: J. Wiechmann, D. Anttila, B. Copenhaver, J. Street, B. Runnels, D. Lewis, S. Toebben, M. Pool. ROW 5: J. Jahns, J. Yochum, R. Arfman, M. Cross, L. Boehler, C. Krambeck, D. Culbertson, B. Curtis. ROW 6: S. Yearout, S. Meschede, J. Pohl, S. Wells, D. Jensen, J. Thacker, M. Mitchell, S. Lewis. BACK ROW: R. Horner, T. Patton, S. Zadina, E. Dorcak, K. Alex, C. Rasmussen, S. Morgan.

"Junior Varsity Band is great for helping freshmen make the transition from middle school to high school band, and you can still look forward to being a member of Varsity Band," was the way freshman Patty Larson looked back on her first year as a member of the JV band.

The JV Band marched with the Varsity Band, drill and flag teams at the Applejack Festival in Nebraska City. They also performed with other musical groups at both winter band concerts and the district band concert.

Officers for the band during the '77-78 year were freshmen Lisa Boehler, president, Dave Anttila, vice-president, and Barb Copenhaver, secretary.

Ski club ends year in Breckenridge

Making money for their trip, ski club sold candles, popcorn, magazines, and held a dance. With this money the club went skiing to Breckenridge on March 30 to April 2. This 96 member club stayed in condominiums in Frisco, just ten miles from Breckenridge.

Thursday night of the trip was designated for a spaghetti dinner held in the clubhouse after a full day of skiing.

All club members were given ski hats, which were purchased with the profits made from an earlier dance.

SKI CLUB. FRONT ROW: sponsor J. McGrath, R. Johnson, J. Davis, S. Rundell, L. Larsen, sponsor B. Benzel, K. Taylor, P. Wiseman, L. Moschel. ROW 2: S. Toebben, J. Rausch, L. Bensen, K. Jones, K. Kerwin, S. Klaudt, D. Rothermund, C. Quandahl, T. Newcomer, J. Wilkening. ROW 3: G. Luedders, M. Pool, R. Schroeder, M. Quinn, M. Slovek, L. Grobeck, L. Zacek, C. Rehmeier, T. Goblirsch, C. Wortman. ROW 4: R. LaRosa, J. Williams, C. Collins, T. Teague, L. Drennan, K. Prem, T. Slovek, L. Malone, A. Schipper, L. VanDriest, R. Bruening. BACK ROW: S. Gibbs, J. Scott, R. LaRosa, L. Kealy, M. Pape, K. Johnson, J. Swanson, S. Ruhga, B. Burdette, V. Hansen, J. Fick.

SKI CLUB. FRONT ROW: L. Schliesser, sponsor L. Brennan, J. Hynes, T. Courture, L. Fideline, C. VanFosson, B. McMickell, D. Dreith, K. Dusek, M. Connors. ROW 2: M. Quandahl, J. Rausch, G. Graham, N. Ritzman, T. Dutch, G. Toft, B. Houlton, K. Kowal, sponsor B. Ruf. ROW 3: B. Kullenburg, A. Hultburg, T. Heikens, R. Peterson, T. Cvitak, L. Kullenburg, J. Radicia, J. Hieres. ROW 4: T. Simchuk, S. Todd, L. Cooper, M. Thaden, E. Silvasti, J. Bowersox, K. Fruedenthal, M. Jackson. ROW 5: K. Denny, T. Webster, E. Storm, J. McVey, S. Meehan, J. Hansen, R. McDowell, S. Drost, D. Lewis. BACK ROW: K. Gappa, K. Engle, S. Nemec, L. Alexander, J. Sobeski.

Ski club sponsor Bob Benzel and sophomore Sue Meehan get ready to ski down the slopes of Breckenridge.

MATT MUTTS. FRONT ROW: K. Hurlbutt, S. Drausk, K. Carbullido, C. Dreith, D. Meehan, T. Courture, T. Cvitak. ROW 2: D. Hollins, G. Iltzsch, B. Borders, L. Kinner, B. Flott, L. Brozak, D. Dreith. BACK ROW: J. Davis, M. Markoff, L. Schliesser, L. McMickell, B. McMickell, C. Miles, K. Dusek, T. Simchuk.

BAT-A-RAMS. FRONT ROW: J. Radicia, L. Schlaht, T. Wick, M. Heaton, C. Krambeck, V. Ruhga. ROW 2: C. Collins, S. Tucker, P. Sheridan, L. Lorenz, K. Gappa, C. Bena, S. Ruhga, S. Brehmer, G. Sheehan, K. Lorenz. BACK ROW: L. Kealy, A. Lorenz, L. Rosman, T. Teague.

MERMAIDS. FRONT ROW: C. Reiff, P. Larsen, C. Crambeck, D. Lamb, C. Politano, C. Sestak, J. Radicia. ROW 2: K. Glismann, T. Wick, T. Durea, M. Heaton, J. Rosenthal, D. Williams. BACK ROW: L. Linse, A. Johnson, C. Collins, S. Haffke, S. Sewell, S. Dalgleish, T. Husak, L. Smith, P. Dady.

Auxiliaries aid three sports

This past year Matt Mutts worked hard keeping score, making posters, giving oranges, and hitting the referees on the back with a towel (a timing device at all home meets).

To become a Matt Mutt, one must take a written test on wrestling. Evaluation forms were sent to the girls' teachers, and points were given from the evaluations and the tests. The points were added up, and names were announced for 1977-78 Matt Mutts.

The Bat-A-Rams also had to take a written test (on baseball). The Bat-A-Rams kept team statistics and picked up bats at home baseball games.

Statistics and times were taken at the swim meets. The Mermaids, who carried out this task, consisted of 22 girls, who were chosen by Mr. Larry Hill, coach.

Denise Brasel is head cheerleader; All squads perform in pep rallies

Cheering wasn't the only thing the '77-'78 cheerleaders did. They also held pep rallies, had a party for each sport, and sold things to raise money.

To raise money, the cheerleaders sold small pom poms to Ralston fans during the football season. They also sold the traditional sweetheart carnations and messages for Valentine's Day.

Five pep rallies were held during the school year. One of the pep rallies contained a skit in which five teachers were given a nylon with an orange in it. They were to tie these around their waists and swing them so that they would hit another orange across the finish line. In another skit, a senior athlete representing each of the fall sports participated in a race to see who could use his/her nose to paint the word "Rams" first. The last pep rally was in honor of the senior athletes. The athletes were acknowledged, and each was given a carnation.

Officers for the cheerleaders were: senior Denise Brasel, head cheerleader; senior Shari Olsen, assistant head cheerleader; junior Kim Freemyer, secretary; and junior Gail Toft, treasurer.

JV CHEERLEADERS. FRONT ROW: V. McGuire, B. Bradshaw, D. Beitz, A. Allison. ROW 2: C. Lind, E. Carl. ROW 3: S. Madsen, K. Fry. BACK ROW: J. Weller, M. Collins.

FROSH CHEERLEADERS. S. Storm, B. McLaughlin, L. Boehler, J. Rundall, J. Ryan, T. Ward, T. Ryan, L. Kullenberg.

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS. FRONT ROW: B. Houlton, N. Manahan, K. Freemyer, D. Fick. ROW 2: L. Larsen, P. Wiseman, L. Clark, D. Brasel, J. Swanson. BACK ROW: S. Olso, B. Staab, G. Toft.

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(1) JV cheerleaders do jumps after performing "Two Bits" during a home football game. (2) Frosh cheerleaders perform a chant at a girls' basketball game. (3) Varsity cheerleaders display their spirit at the Ralston vs. Tech game.

Flag, Drill team changes take place

The 1977-78 school year found differences in the flag and drill teams. The teams were re-organized in an attempt to allow things to run more smoothly.

Drill team was composed of 16 members from all four classes. Co-captains were junior Janet Hobza and senior Liz Benson. The team competed with the varsity band at contest, for the first year ever, and received a rating of "2", an excellent.

Flag team co-captains were sophomore Patty Sheridan and freshman Sue Lewis. The team was considerably smaller than in previous years, with only eight members, and the flags they used varied in size. They also set a new first as they attended the Winter Carnival in Crete, Nebraska, and took first place in the senior show division.

DRILL TEAM. FRONT ROW: M. Conner, L. Benson. ROW 2: J. Hobza, K. Herman, K. Engle, K. Larson, L. Retzlaff, C. Nienke. BACK ROW: L. Cline, L. McCracken, S. Rundall, K. Malone, M. Heaton, J. Campbell.

FLAG TEAM. FRONT ROW: D. Holman, C. Reiff. BACK ROW: D. Shaul, S. Lewis, M. Kealy, M. Herman, P. Sheridan, G. Sheehan.

Flag team members, freshman, Debbie Shaul, along with sophomores, Kolleen Kopfle, Cheryl Reiff and Denette Holman, march in the Apple Jack Festival.

RHS spirit is organized into club

As the years go by, Ralston High school's spirit club is becoming more group oriented. Instead of a club consisting of the entire student body, the '77-'78 members, identified by red, white and blue RHS t-shirts, formed an organized group.

Sponsored by Mr. Duane Hemminger for a third consecutive year, the club conducted many dances, along with making posters and supporting the teams in various sports activities.

The members of the steering committee, who formed the closest thing to officers of the club, were seniors Lynn Larsen and Tami DiGiacomo, junior Kris Taylor and sophomore Lori Kealy.

(1) A crowd, composed of spirit club members, cheers R-A-L-S-T-O-N at a home football game. (2) Juniors Linda Cline, Marty Conner, Denise Peitzmeier, and sophomores Lori McCracken and Carol Nienke perform a half-time routine for a football game.

SPIRIT CLUB. FRONT ROW: D. Bambini, S. Lewis, M. Mitchell, L. Larsen, T. DiGiacomo, K. Taylor, L. Kealy, M. Herman, P. Wiseman, N. Larsen, E. Christensen, C. Buck. ROW 2: P. Larson, S. Schiffbauer, K. Kenney, J. Green, D. Meehan, C. Drieth, L. Fideline, J. Bredthauer, J. Fick, S. Brehmer, C. Reiff, M. Gabriel. ROW 3: C. Clark, M. Bruening, D. Handrick, J. Radicia, M. Huda, D. Shaul, P. Landers, C. Lafferty, R. Bruening, B. Engresser, L. Smith, T. Kohout. BACK ROW: A. Gero, C. Fielder, L. Malone, C. Collins, T. Teague, S. Nemec, sponsor D. Hemminger, J. McVey, S. Meehan, L. Drennan, S. Mass, J. Price, D. Holman, L. Benson.

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How is communicating important to. . .sports?

"Communication in sports is very important in developing a working vocabulary and as an important element of keeping an organized structure. In basketball, the success of playing together as a unit depends largely on communication, both verbal and non-verbal just as in anything which involves a human element. Communication is a necessity to achieve goals."

COACH KEN AHL

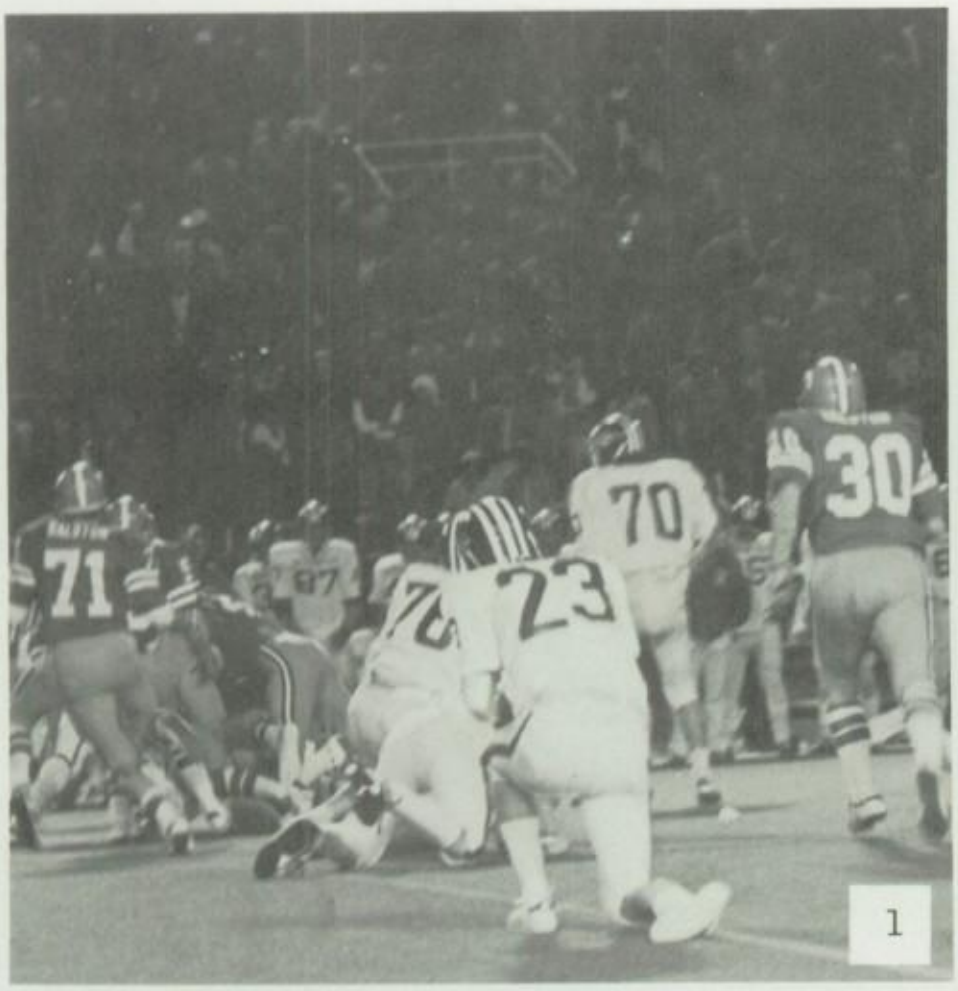
"No matter what sport a person participates in, success is always determined by the degree of effort applied. So it is with life; the discipline learned in high school athletics is applicable to the rest of one's life.

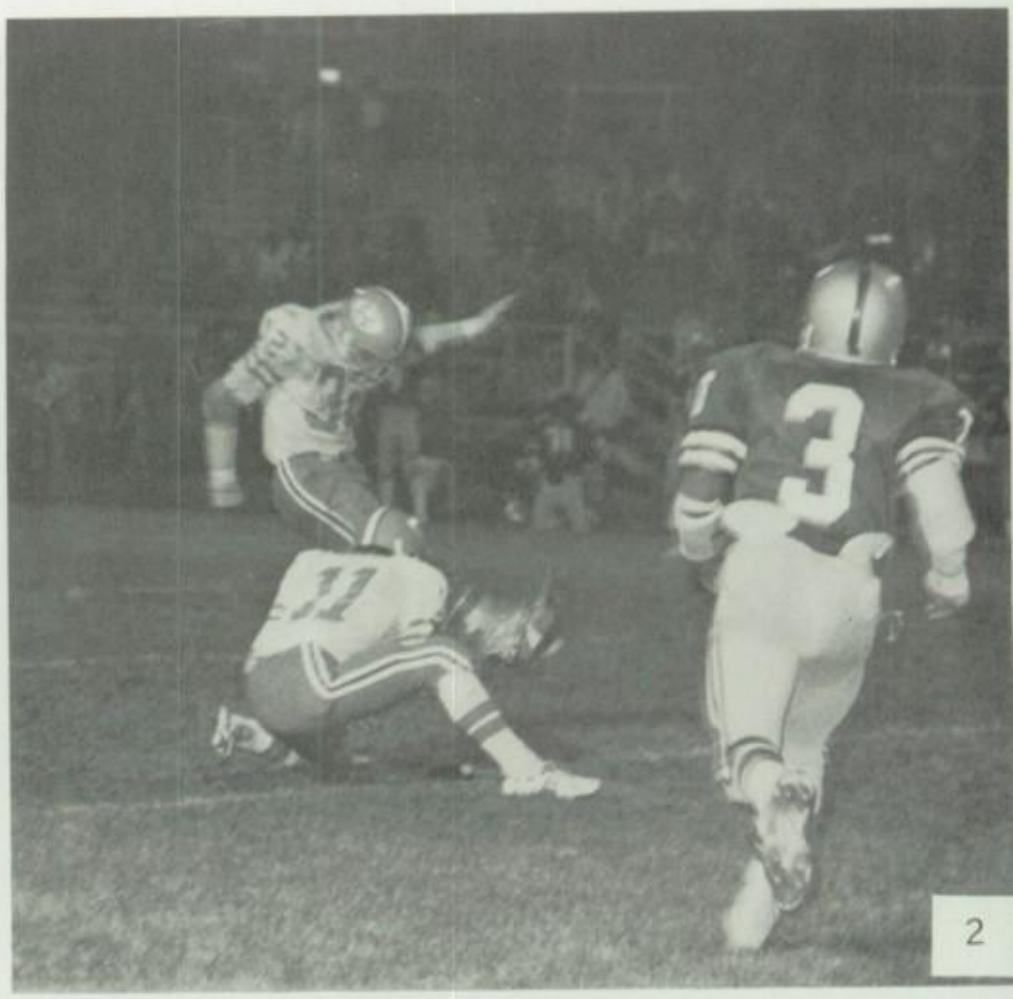
"Communication in sports is a sharing of the discipline. In training for a challange, or for that matter, life, the hurdles sometimes appear insurmountable. With the encouragement of a person's peers, the challenge that once appeared unconquerable can be met."

LISA BURIANEK

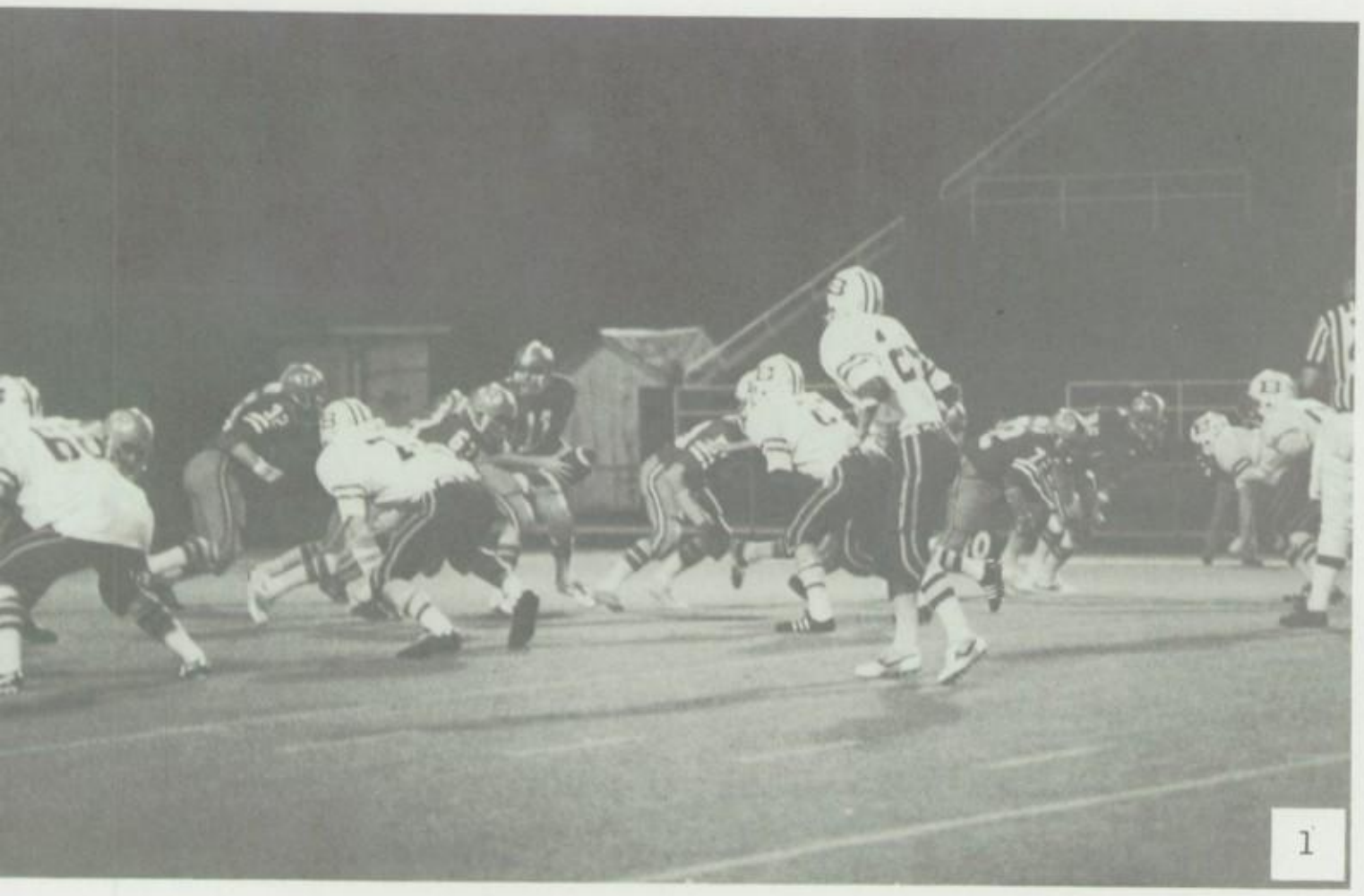
"Communication is essential if the team is going to be successful. People have to know how others feel to get the full potential out of a team. Frustrations build up without communication and will result in team failure and bad feelings between players."

SEAN NEMEC

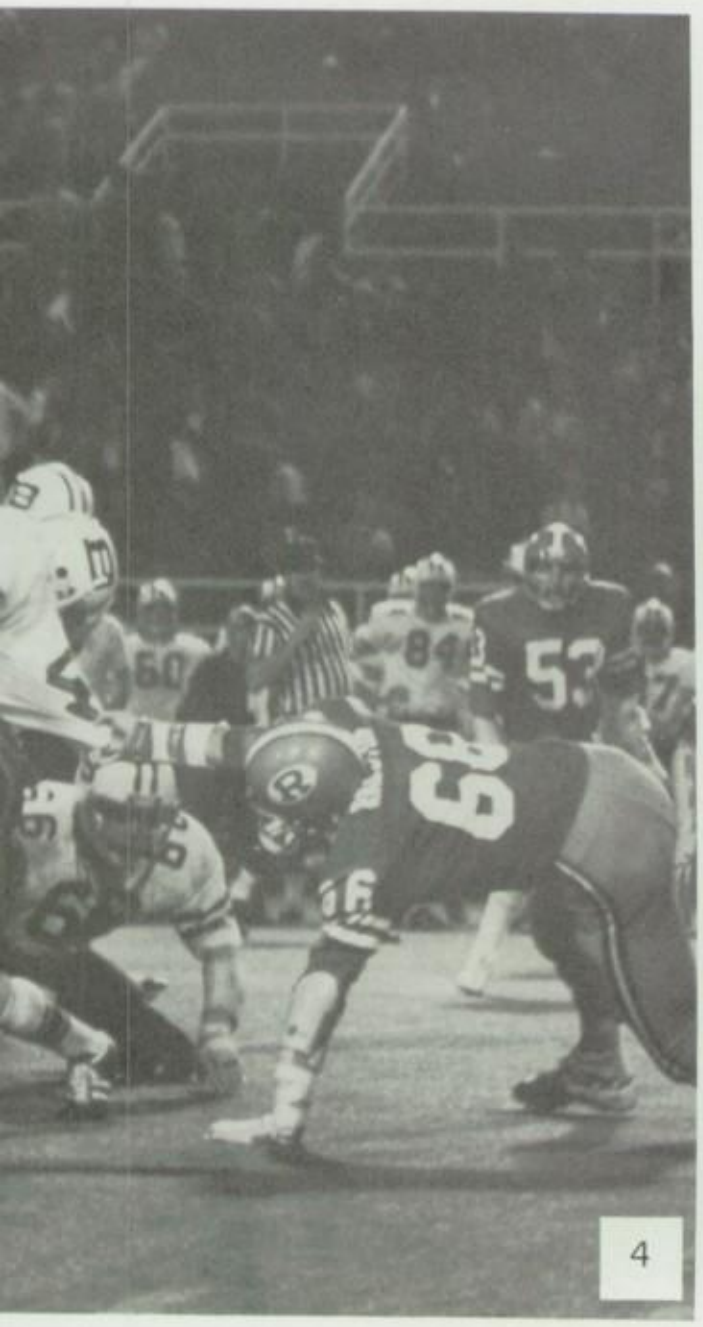




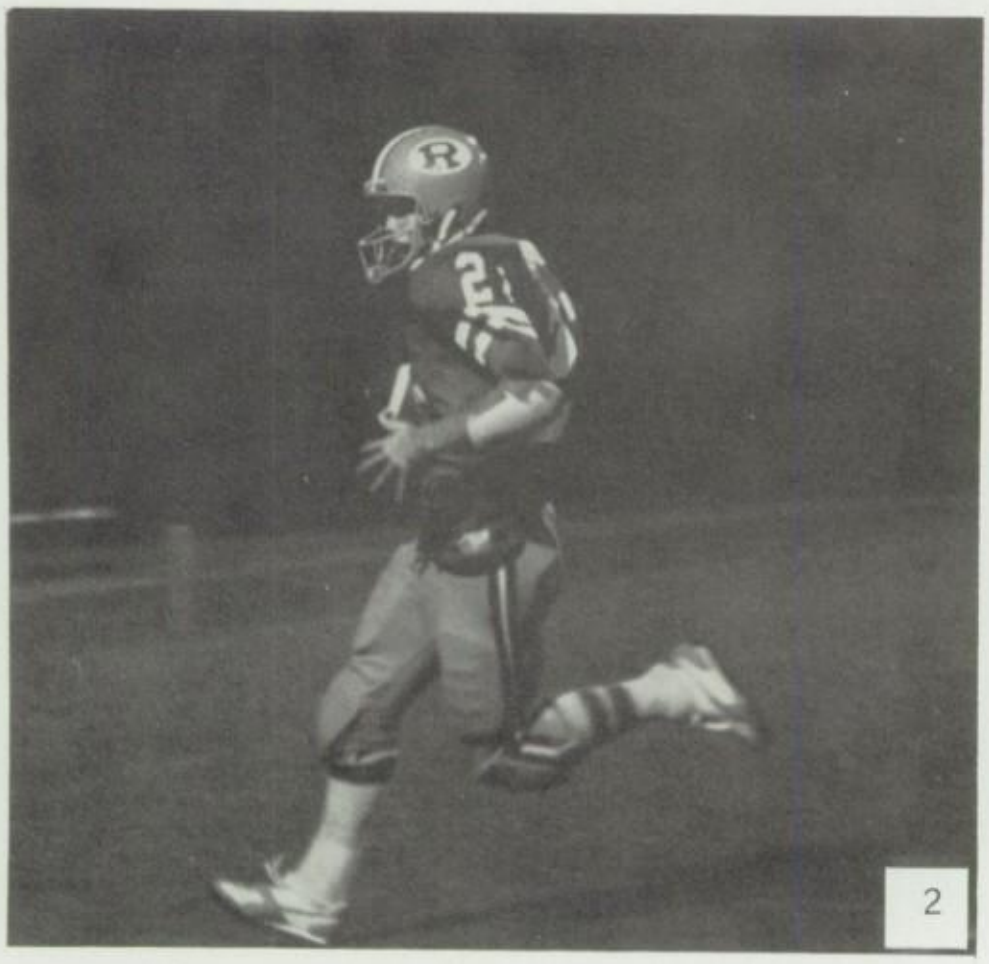
(1) Seniors Nelson Perry and Jon Hanson pursue the Creighton Prep ball carrier. (2) Junior Rick Chandler kicks one of his 14 extra points out of the hold of senior Tim Connor. (3) Senior co-captain Dean Gute leads fellow teammates in breakdown. (4) Junior Randy Jostes makes a shirt-tail tackle while seniors Tom Stokes and Fred Morgenson and junior Jay Lewellen proceed to close in.



(1) Ram trenchmen, seniors Bernie Talamante and Dave Smith, tackles, Dean Gute and Mark Tolan, guards, and Richard Watson, center, explode in the victory over Bryan. (2) All Metro halfback, junior Ed Storm, scores one of his team leading 16 touchdowns.



Team effort leads Rams to first playoff appearance



Rams share American Conference title

Despite an opening game loss to arch-rival Papillion, the Ram gridders ended the season on a high note, knocking off Tech 13-0 and advancing to the state playoffs, a first for Ralston.

With victories over Roncalli, Bellevue West, Burke, Millard, Bryan and North, and a combined score of 131-27, the Rams worked all the way up to a rating of third. Then on Oct. 21, they fell to Tee Jay, but bounced back the next week to beat Tech.

In the playoffs the Rams faced a stingy Prep team and came away a loser, thus ending the season 7-3.

Highlights of the season included being co-champions of the American division and district A-2 champs.

Ralston enjoyed the best pair of running backs in the state in juniors Rick Chandler, who gained 703 yards, and Ed Storm 1,162. "We couldn't have done it without our offensive line," said Storm. The line included seniors Bernie Talamante, Dave Smith, Dean Gute, Mark Tolan and Rich Watson.

Defensive standouts were junior Randy Jostes, with 78 tackles and 64 assists, and seniors Tom Stokes and Nelson Perry, with 63-65 and 57-66, respectively.

Gute and Stokes were named co-captains of the team while Gute received the offensive linemen of the year award, with Jostes winning on the defensive side. Chandler was outstanding running back while senior Paul Branch was defensive back of the year. Watson was voted the most inspirational player.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

	RHS	OPP.
Papillion	12	14
Roncalli	32	0
Bellevue West	24	7
Burke	13	0
Millard	19	13
Bryan	15	7
North	28	0
Thomas Jefferson	7	8
Tech	13	0
Creighton Prep	0	32

VARSITY FOOTBALL. FRONT ROW: M. Tolan, M. Higgins, S. Frost, T. Rocz, A. Rotella, B. Krohn, N. Perry, D. Gute, R. Watson. ROW 2: T. Alberico, S. Ingalls, D. Wilken, T. Stokes, C. Spencer, E. Storm, B. Johnson, J. Hanson, B. Talamante, F. Morgenson. ROW 3: G. Taylor, P. Branch, M. Peterson, K. Cox, J. Lewellen, D. Smith, B. Kruse, T. Connor, R. Chandler. ROW 4: R. Huff, S. Dormer, D. Richardson, K. Brazille, T. Sullivan, S. Nyquist, K. Daily, S. Nemec, R. Jostes. BACK ROW: student manager R. Blomstedt, defensive line coach R. Emsick, defensive coordinator D. McLaughlin, offensive line T. Seastedt, head coach J. Osborne, student manager D. Black.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL. FRONT ROW: D. Combs, B. Nienke, S. Sorenson, M. Blanker, L. Davis, P. Mancosu, K. Ryan, D. Nordell, D. Huff, B. Kullenburg, J. Burry. BACK ROW: coach C. Dickson, L. Hart, J. Herman, D. Dawson, J. Porter, T. Rhodes, R. Dugger, C. Holman, J. Piontowski, R. Bankers, R. Stevens, coach T. Bodzek.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

	RHS	OPP
Millard	6	14
Tech	28	6
Tee Jay	14	12
Westside	6	41
Bryan	20	22
Burke	6	24
North	6	6
Roncalli	14	0
Bellevue West	6	0

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Junior varsity finish 4-4-1 first year in new conference

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Junior varsity coach Tom Bodzek's squad, playing for the first time in the Metro Conference, finished the season with a 4-4-1 record.

Leading the attack were juniors, Joe Herman, who led the team in scoring with 36 points and was also leading rusher with 460 yards in 75 attempts. Right behind him was quarterback Ron Stevens for 452 yards in 63 carries. Stevens also completed 65 passes in 158 attempts. Leading pass receiver was Don Nordell with 30 catches for 547 yards.

Defensive standouts were juniors, Don Huff with 42 tackles and 41 assists, followed by Jim Piontowski with 31-17.

Coach Bodzek's comment on the season was the "thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."

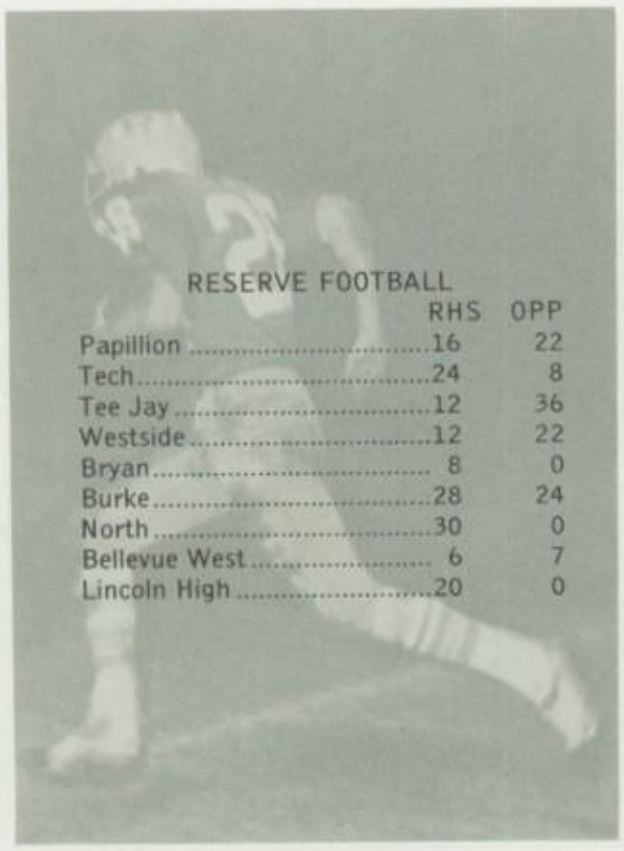
(1) Junior Bob Kruse slips past his Bryan opponent. (2) The junior varsity defensive stops a Tech ball carrier.

Reserves finish with best tally ever; Davis's frosh team gains second

The reserve team, led by sophomor Scott Schaefer, finished with a recorc of 5-4.

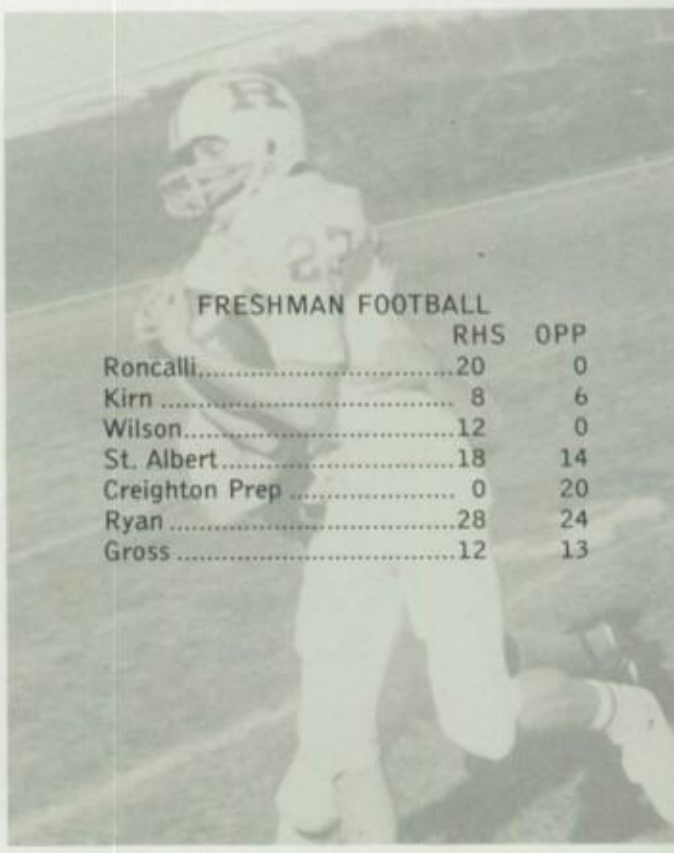
Schaefer led the team in pass receiving, with 870 yards and also in scoring with 58 points. Sophomore quarterback John Rausch led the team in passing with 1,085 yards. Leading rusher was sophomore Mike Markoff, with 702 yards while classmate Mike Pigman was the defensive standout.

Coach Tim Davis's frosh team finished the year with a 5-2 record and a second place finish in the conference. Offensive standouts were Herb Morey, who rushed for 397 yards on 73 attempts and six touchdowns. Todd Hansen caught 15 passes for 171 yards while Casey Johnson completed 40 of 87 passes for 519 yards. Defensive standout was Shawn Dormer.



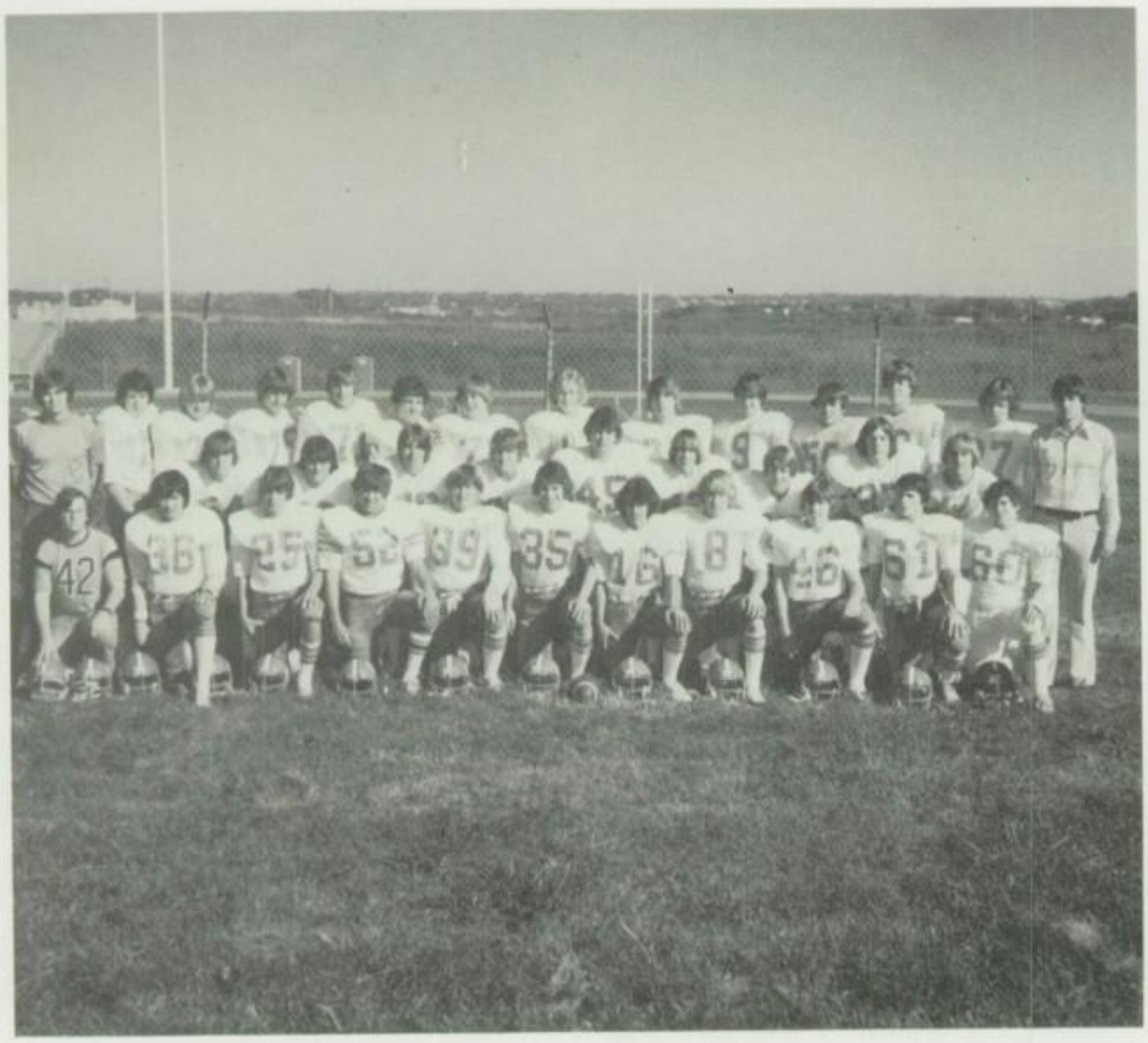
RESERVE FOOTBALL

	RHS	OPP
Papillion	16	22
Tech	24	8
Tee Jay	12	36
Westside	12	22
Bryan	8	0
Burke	28	24
North	30	0
Bellevue West	6	7
Lincoln High	20	0



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

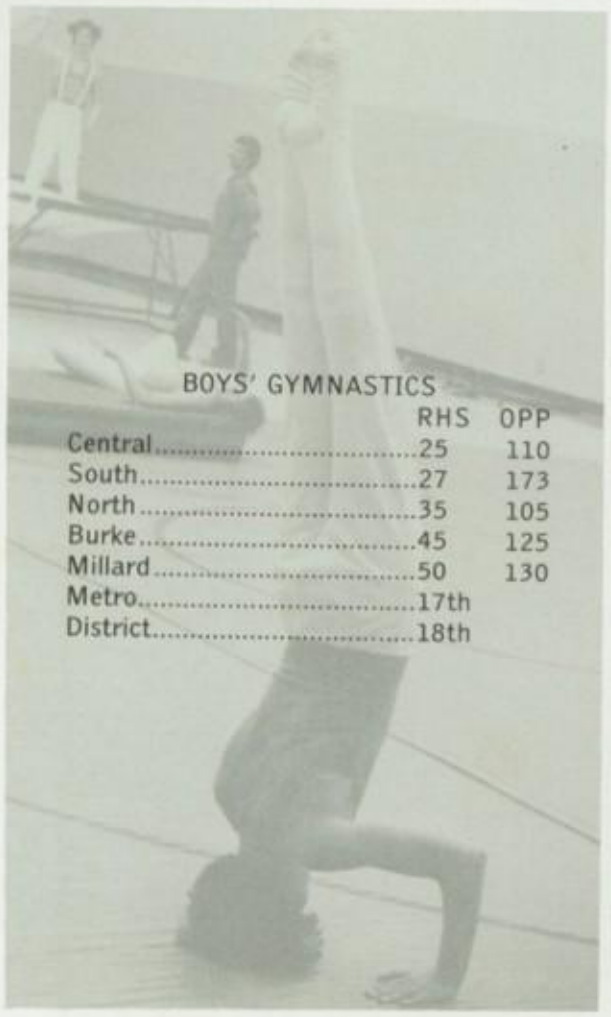
	RHS	OPP
Roncalli	20	0
Kirn	8	6
Wilson	12	0
St. Albert	18	14
Creighton Prep	0	20
Ryan	28	24
Gross	12	13



SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL. FRONT ROW: D. Yost, M. Pigman, P. Weber, C. Zagozda, S. Seipel, M. Parrott, M. Markoff, S. Schaefer, J. Ridicia, J. Marek, F. Davis. ROW 2: B. Scott, M. Saunders, D. Traynor, T. Schroeder, D. Berdette, S. Heckman, H. Kronberg, C. Lowary, S. Schoening, coach D. Pettijohn. BACK ROW: coach L. Plugge, G. Kuhn, G. Gerbholtz, M. Gilliland, J. Pape, M. Schutz, L. Baggett, T. Smith, D. Wilken, J. Rausch, P. Foy, D. Hatten, M. Heaton.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL. FRONT ROW: coach T. Davis, R. Legenza, B. Smith, B. Pearson, C. Fleming, V. Marsh, coach S. Brennan. ROW 2: J. Connor, J. Talamante, S. Cortese, S. Dormer, C. Johnson, T. Hansen, B. Rasmussen, S. Dugger, P. Blomstedt. ROW 3: M. Pigman, R. Waschinek, T. Vachal, L. Kozeny, M. Burdett, D.

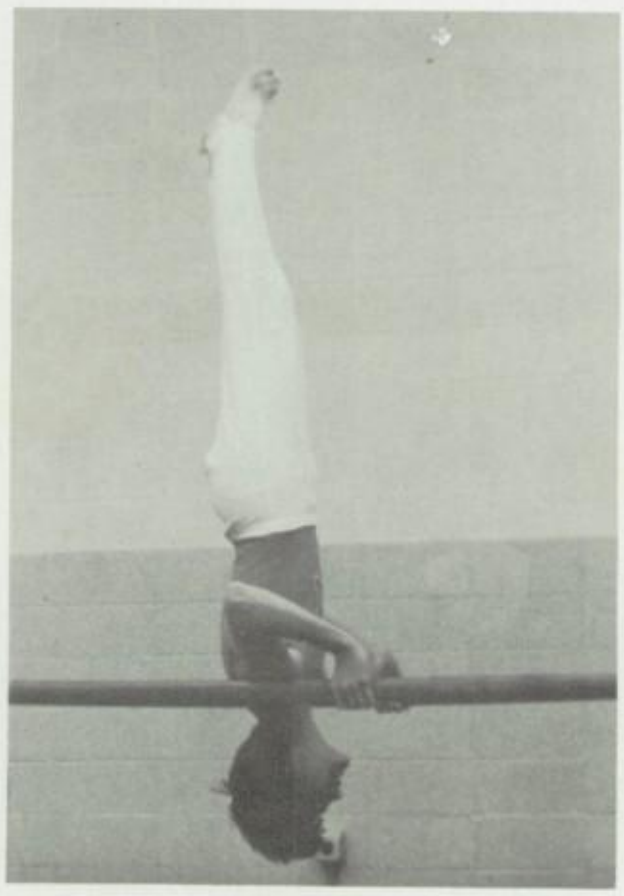
First year gymnasts fare 'well'



BOYS' GYMNASTICS

	RHS	OPP
Central	25	110
South	27	173
North	35	105
Burke	45	125
Millard	50	130
Metro	17th	
District	18th	

Junior Jeff Perry performs a handstand in the meet against Millard



"This was the first time for boys' gymnastics at Ralston, and I really think we fared very well," said first year coach Pete Studenski.

The gymnastics team consisted of five juniors, John Comstock, Jeff Perry, Ron Amenta, Wayne White and Dan Prem, and two sophomores including Tony Schlemmer and Mark Quandahl.

Coach Studenski commented that the 0-5 record was a result of the fact that the team was very young and inexperienced.

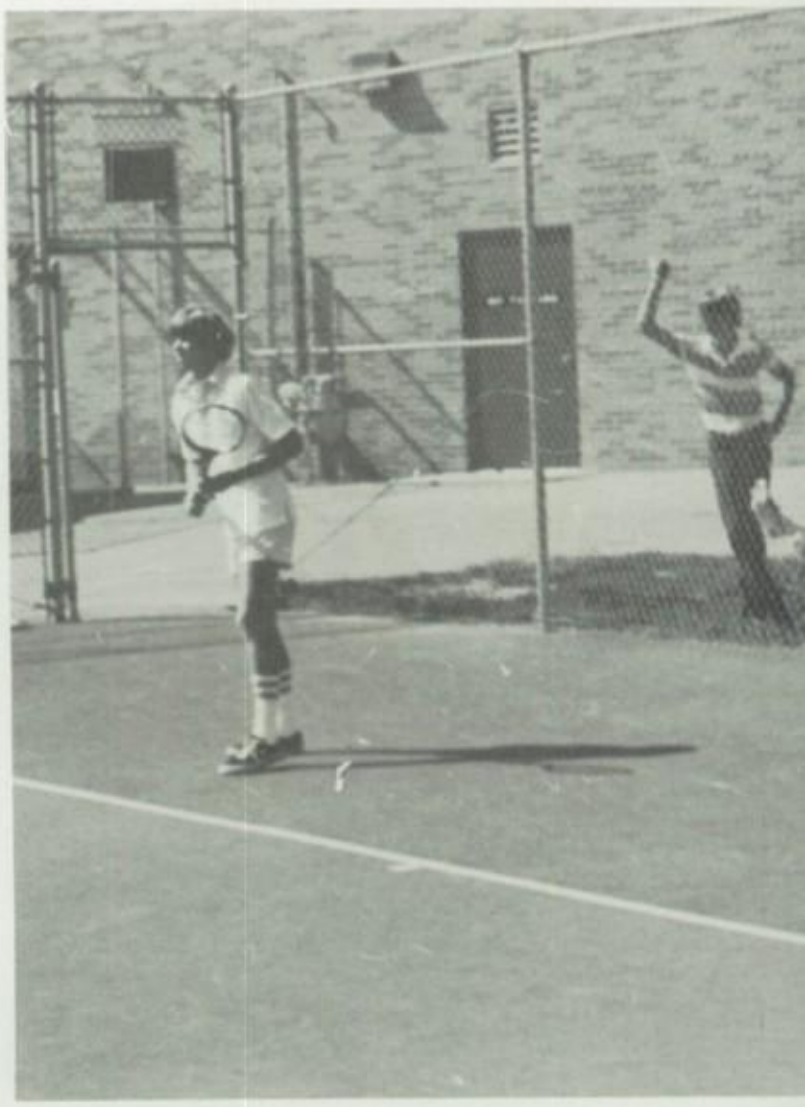
Coach Studenski said, "I can't wait until next year because the team showed steady improvement with each meet; everybody will be back, and I expect nothing but good things to happen for Ralston in the future."

Schlemmer was voted outstanding performer by coach Studenski.

Weichel, D. Taylor, K. Riddle, J. Kearns, R. Dowland. ROW 4: S. Elsasser, P. Wiseman, T. Conway, S. Toebben, T. Haugen, S. Wells, S. McNealy, D. Husak, M. Ritzman, T. Pounds. BACK ROW: T. Collins, D. Davenport, H. Morey, B. Fowler, C. Jacobson, B. Williams, J. Workman, D. Workman, T. VanCleave, J. Nissen.

BOYS' GYMNASTICS. FRONT ROW: J. Comstock, J. Perry, M. Quandahl, R. Amenta. BACK ROW: W. White, T. Schlemmer, D. Prem, coach P. Studenski.

(1) Senior Steve Sunde serves the ball at the state tournament as junior Bill Ward awaits the return. Bill and Steve finished first at state. (2) Senior Guy Plugge and junior Jeff Schuman rally their opponents at the semi-finals of the Metro tournament. (3) Sophomore Evan Sunde and junior Brian Krohn warm-up before a jv match.



Luedders helps varsity netmen to Class 'B' title; jv's end undefeated

Disappointment was not a common thing with the tennis team this past year as Ralston's netmen became state champs.

Coach Garry Jurgens said that the 1977 tennis team was "one of the finest in Ralston's history." In its first year in the Metro Conference, the team finished third behind powerful Westside and Burke.

Ralston came in third place at the Papillion Invitational, but the rating was overshadowed by the fact that the varsity had compiled the best won-lost record in school history: 7-2.

Senior Gary Luedders was chosen outstanding player of the year at the fall sports' banquet. Junior Bill Ward received the most improved player honor from coach Jurgens.

Junior varsity netmen saw the best year ever as they ended the season with a 5-0 record. Jv also continued the three year winning streak at the Ralston J.V. Invitational. Coach Jurgens anticipates another good season this next year.

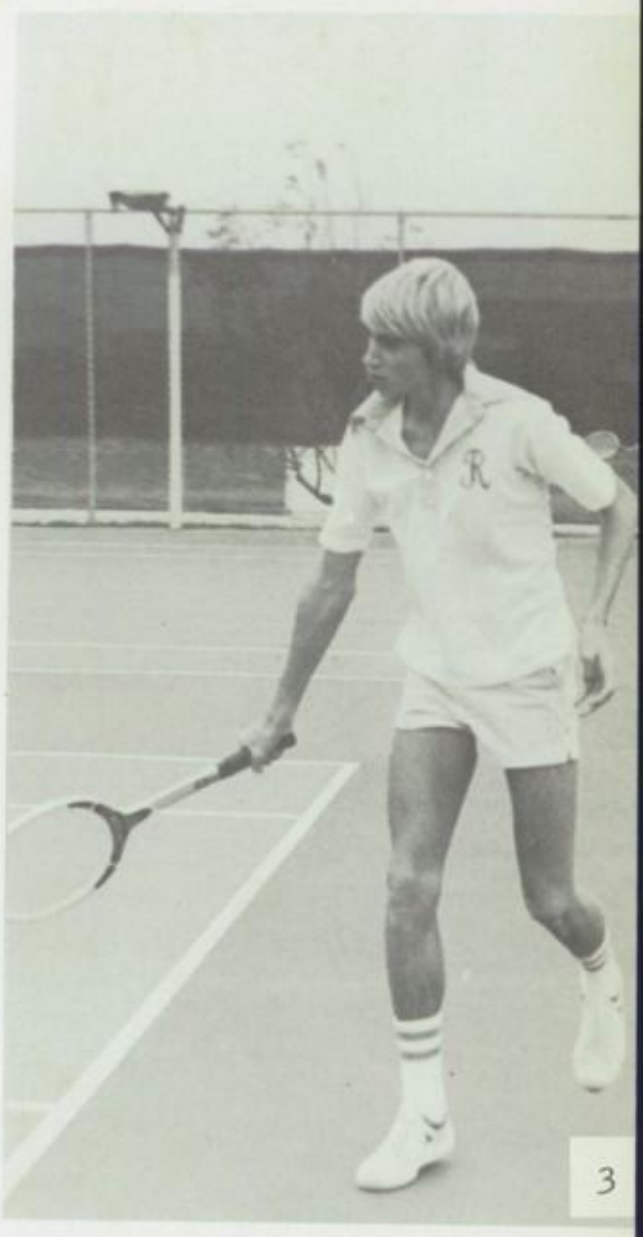
BOYS' TENNIS

	RHS	OPP
Westside	2	11
Tech	13	0
North	12	1
Burke	1	12
Thomas Jefferson	12	1
Bryan	12	1
Ryan	12	1
Roncalli	13	0
Bellevue West	10	3
State	1st	

JUNIOR VARSITY

Roncalli	9	0
Papillion	7	2
Northwest	5	4
Roncalli	7	0
Papillion	5	3
Ralston Invitational	1st	

BOYS' TENNIS. FRONT ROW: D. Lewis, D. Bauer, J. Grosvenor, S. Anderson, S. Krieger. ROW 2: R. LaRosa, E. Sunde, J. Jaworski, B. Krohn, M. Grap, M. Pool, D. Ketcham. BACK ROW: G. Plugge, S. Sunde, B. Ward, coach G. Jurgens, J. Schuman, G. Luedders, R. LaRosa, G. Haddix.



(1) Senior Rick La Rosa returns a low backhand in the Papio Invitational, in which he placed second. (2) Senior netman Gary Luedders practices for his upcoming match in the Metro Tourney. (3) Junior Grant Haddix returns his opponent's serve in the dual meet against Tech.

(1) Freshman Jay Sheldon makes tracks during the Ralston-Gross meet. (2) Sheldon passes one opponent and starts to gain on the other at the Ram Invitational. (3) Senior Courty Monroe is being congratulated by Mr. Ron Siske after placing fourth in the district meet. (4) Scot Todd picks up his pace at the Ram Invitational. (5) Junior Rena Shroder and coach Gary Dubbs figure the standings at the Ralston-Bellevue West meet at Ralston on Oct. 4.

CROSS COUNTRY. FRONT ROW: S. Larsen, J. Sheldon, S. Todd. BACK ROW: coach G. Dubbs, C. Monroe, A. Shanmugan, S. Hillmer.

Monroe leads harriers at districts

CROSS COUNTRY

	RHS	OPP
Roncalli	34	21
North	23	32
Tee Jay	0	1
Burke	40	19
Papillion	29	28
Tech	19	38
Bryan	34	24
Ryan	20	35
Westside	36	23
Bellevue West	34	22
Ralston Inv.	6th	
Millard Inv.	7th	
Bryan Inv.	15th	
Metro	14th	
District	8th	

"We had a successful season last year, and it will be better next year," said Gary Dubbs, cross country coach.

Setting the pace this past year for the team was senior Courty Monroe, who placed fourth in districts and 30th at state out of a field of 91 runners.

The harriers finished the season with a 4-6 dual record. Lettermen for the season were Monroe, senior Scott Larsen, junior Scot Todd, sophomores Al Shanmugam and Steve Hillmer.

"It was a very enjoyable year and a big change from football," said coach Dubbs after his first year with the team. "My only regret was not having enough people go out."

(1) Senior Courty Monroe is overwhelmed after placing fourth at districts. (2) Some of the cross country team members warm up before a meet.

(1) Senior Mark Anderson chips onto the green during the Ram Invitational. (2) Junior Jeff Anderson plows his way out of trouble at the Ralston-Roncalli match up. (3) Junior Greg Woster putts for par in Fremont Invitational.

Golfers take first Metro Conference

With five returning lettermen the boys' golf team claimed a first place victory at the Metro Conference meet on Sept. 29.

In all the team's major Invitationals, district and state match-ups, the team finished no less than fourth.

In the district meet the squad finished with 334 points, good enough for second place.

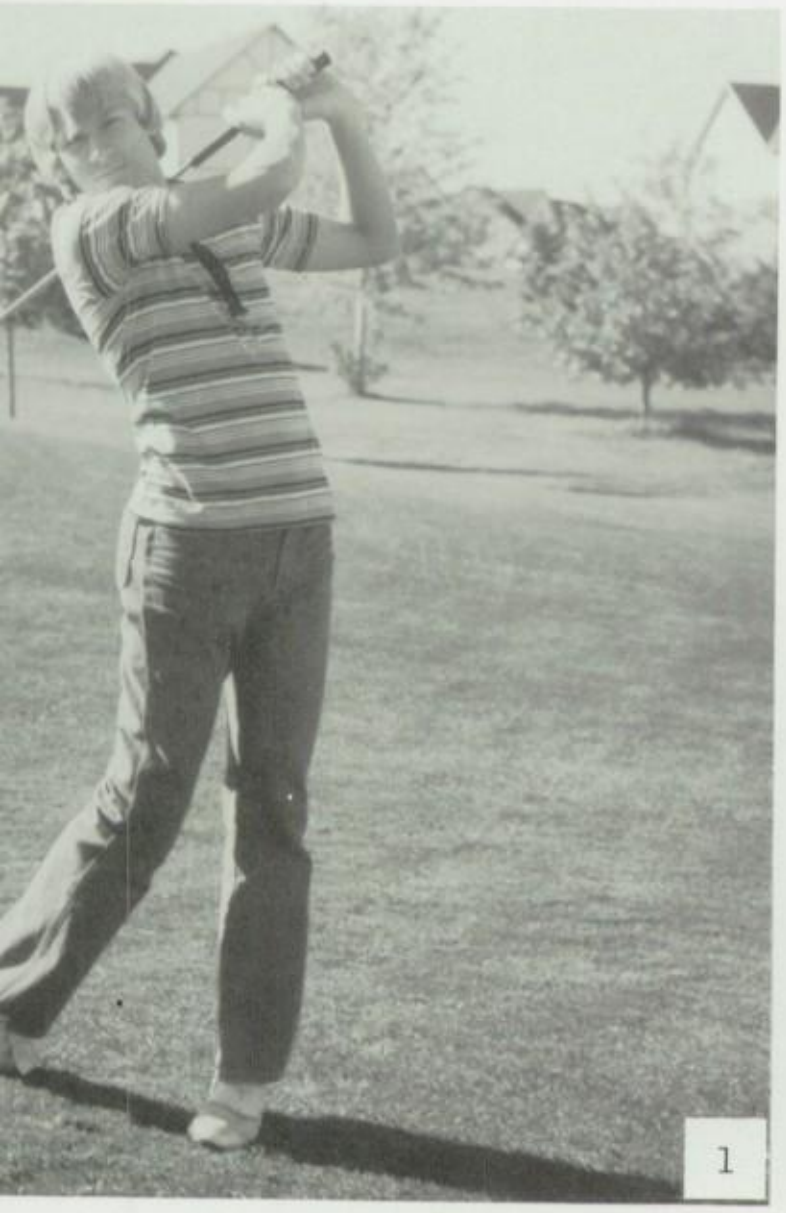
On Oct. 14 at the state meet, the Ram golfers placed a strong third with 327 points.

"Although the boys had trouble in the dual matches (3-5), they placed extremely well in the Metro and state tournaments," said coach John Jorgensen.

BOYS' GOLF

	RHS	OPP
Bellevue West	166	162
North	154	156
Tech	150	177
Burke	175	163
Westside	168	152
Bryan	168	162
Tee Jay	176	173
Roncalli	168	176
Ralston Inv.	3rd	
Fremont Inv.	4th	
Papillion	4th	
Capital Cities Inv.	3rd	
Metro	1st	
District	2nd	
State	3rd	

(1) Senior Mike Karstens drives from fairway to put him within birdy range, at the Tee Jay-Ralston contest. (2) Starting on his way out of the rough, junior Mike McKinley tries for even par at the state meet.



BOYS' GOLF. FRONT ROW: M. McKinley, J. Anderson, G. Woster. BACK ROW: M. Karstens, M. Anderson, J. Jorgensen.

Rams place tenth in Metro Conference

Coach Jim McGrath's varsity wrestlers ended the '77-'78 season with a dual meet record of 6-5-1 and a 16th place finish in the state tournament in Lincoln.

Leading the grapplers throughout the season were seniors Tom Stokes, at 167 pounds, and heavyweight Dave Marr.

The wrestlers, in their first year in the Metro Conference, finished tenth out of 20 schools, with Stokes winning the conference and Marr taking third in the tournament.

In the state meet held Feb. 16-18, Ralston sent six representatives, including Stokes and Marr and senior Jon Hansen, juniors Tony Gute, Leo Cabral and sophomore Todd Negley.

The Rams gathered 33½ points with Marr taking second and Stokes placing fourth.

Coach McGrath commented that he was pleased that the team finished with a winning record again this past year. "Out of the state's top ten teams," he said "we must have wrestled seven of them." He was also pleased with the victory over the state champions, Tech. He went on to say that the year's injuries hurt the team and that forced two wrestlers to quit halfway through the season. "They might have helped the team down the stretch," he said.

"I was very happy with the performance of Stokes and Marr during the season and especially Tom winning the conference, but I also thought that the team didn't really wrestle up to its potential."

VARSITY WRESTLING

	RHS	OPP
Roncalli	47	14
Columbus	15	41
North	45	9
Bryan	19	31
Westside	30	30
Bellevue West	23	26
Tech	29	27
Burke	26	24
Ryan	63	5
Tee Jay	33	18
Millard	18	32
Papillion	20	34
Metro	10th	
Districts	4th	
State	16th	

VARSITY WRESTLING. FRONT ROW: student managers K. Dusek, T. Simchuk. ROW 2: J. Perry, T. Gute, T. Schlemmer, L. Cabral, T.Negley. BACK ROW: coach J. McGrath, J. Aslor, A. Rotella, D. Wilken, T. Stokes, J. Hansen, D. Marr, coach R. Emsick.

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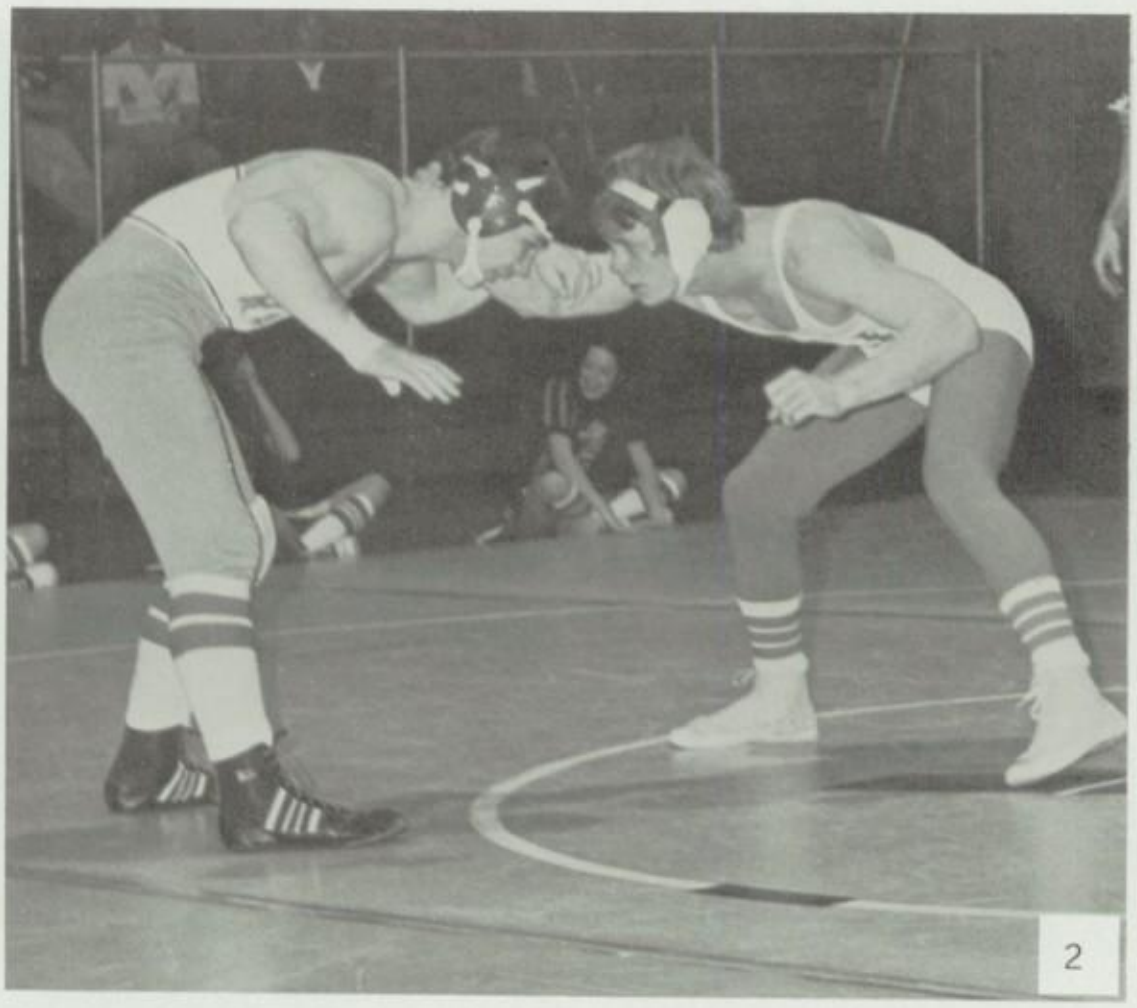

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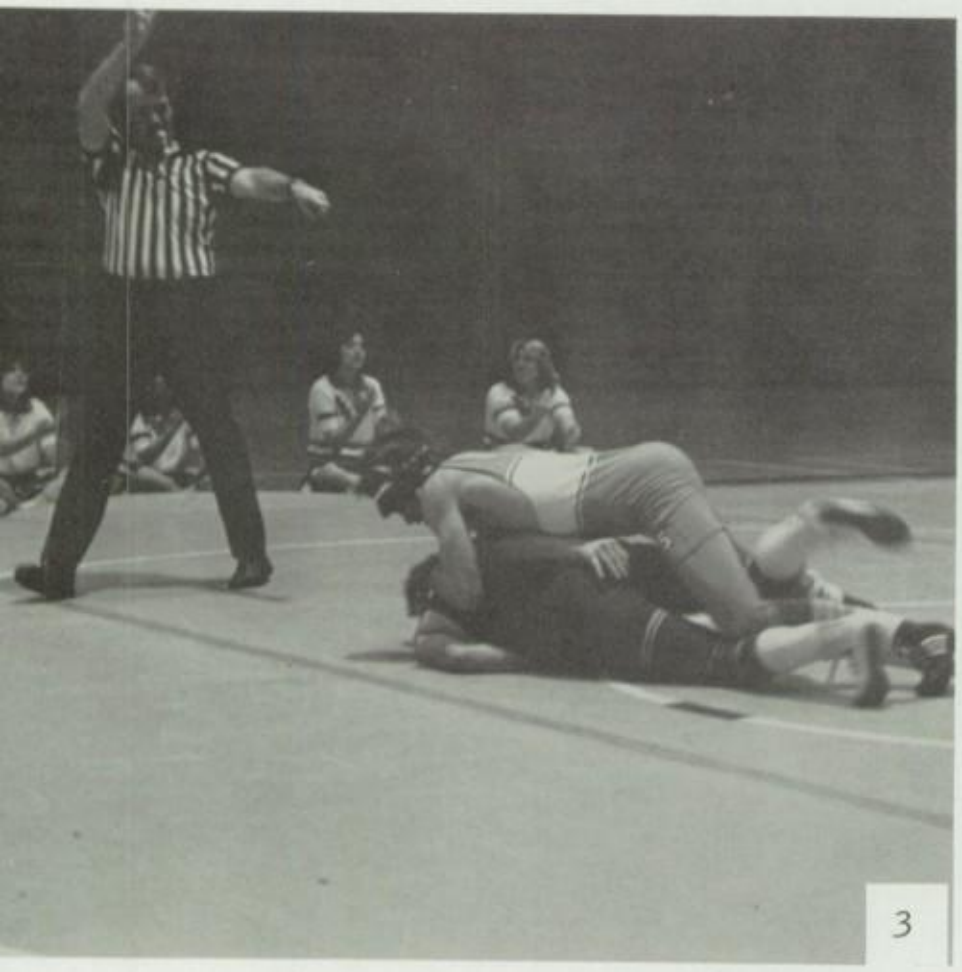

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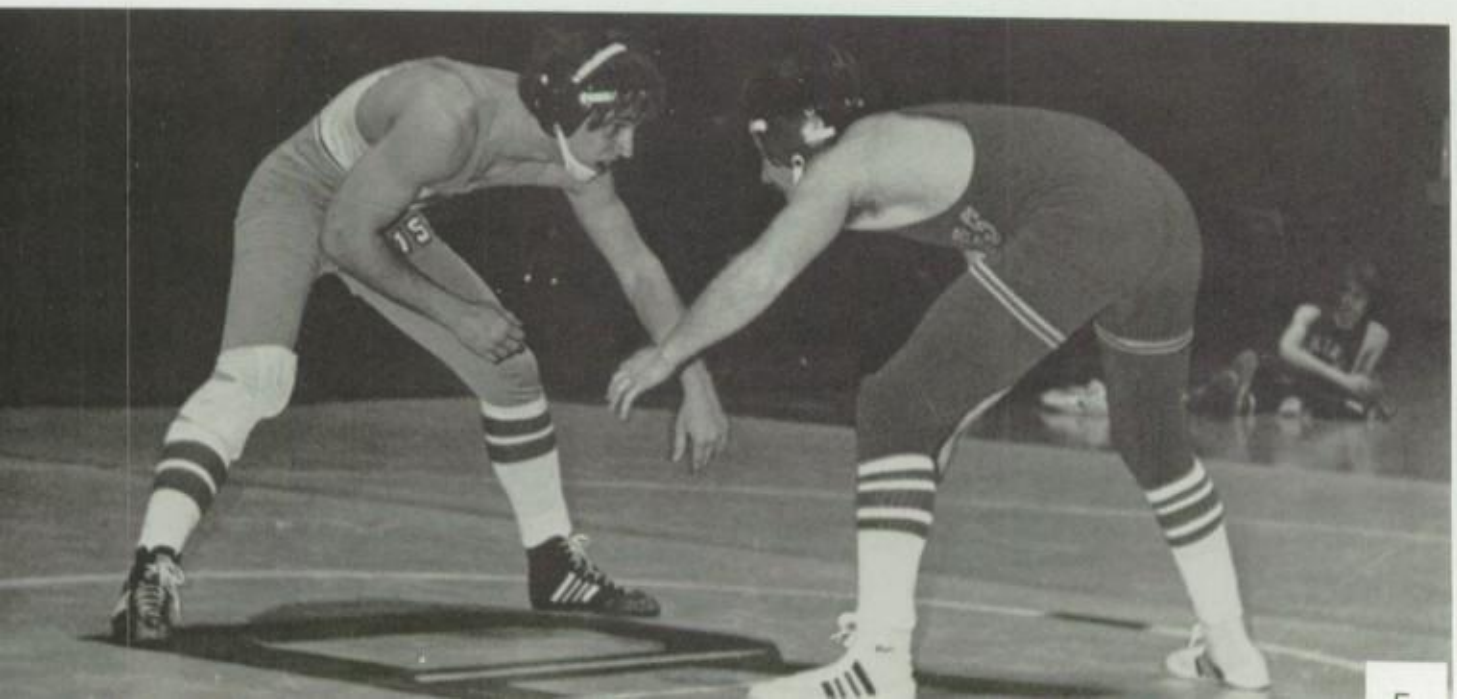

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(1) Senior Mike Dwornicki receives the referee's decision in his victory over his North opponent. (2) Senior Tom Stokes prepares to take down his Tee Jay foe. (3) Receiving two points for a take down is senior Jon Hansen. (4) Senior Dave Marr congratulates senior Al Rotella after the completion of his match against his Millard foe. (5) Senior Dennis Wilken and his North opponent prepare to tangle in their dual match.

Amenta leads team to 5-7 tally

Under first year coach Rick Emsick the junior varsity wrestlers finished the season with a 5-7 dual meet record.

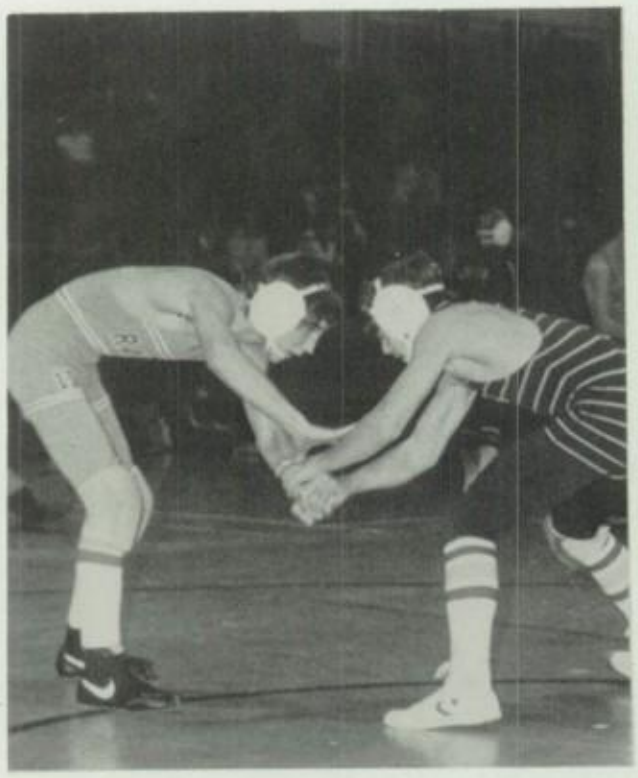
Coach Emsick commented that the losing record is really "misleading because in just about every meet we had to forfeit four weight classes, which really hurt the team."

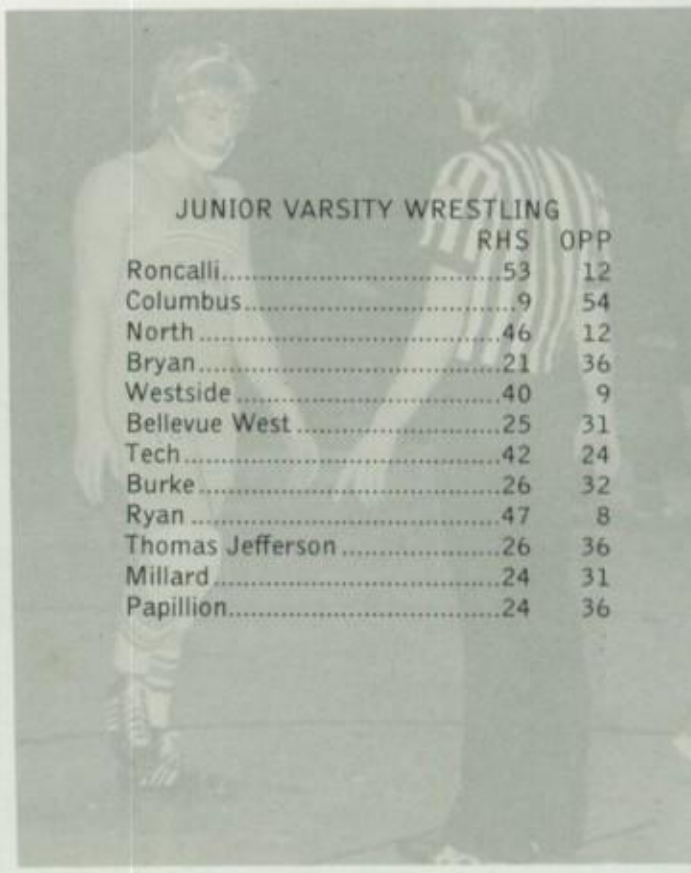
Leading the team was junior Ron Amenta, with a 10-1 record and ten takedowns, eight reversals and 11 near falls.

Other standouts included sophomores Glen Flott, with an 8-1 record, Mike Schutz, 9-3, Chuck Zagozda, 6-4-1, Ron Fucinaro, 6-4, Bill Scott, 7-5 and Hal Kronberg, 5-4.

Coach Emsick also said that Schutz and Zagozda will "really help out the varsity team in the future years ahead."

Sophomore Joe Henk grips his Bryan opponent in his attempt for a possible take-down.





JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING

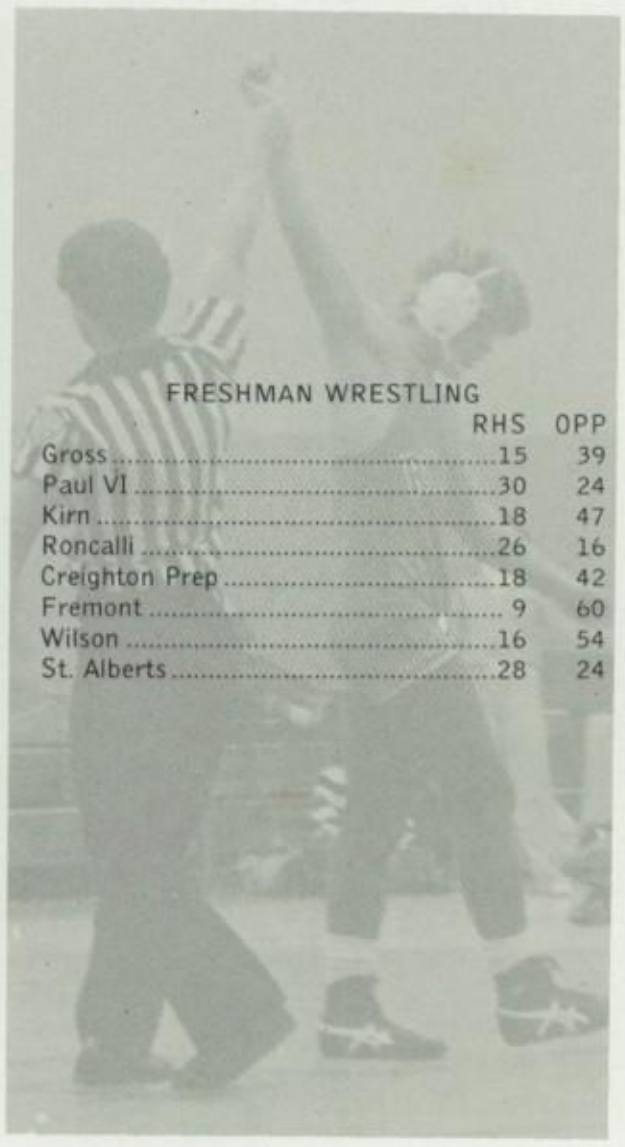
	RHS	OPP
Roncalli	53	12
Columbus	9	54
North	46	12
Bryan	21	36
Westside	40	9
Bellevue West	25	31
Tech	42	24
Burke	26	32
Ryan	47	8
Thomas Jefferson	26	36
Millard	24	31
Papillion	24	36

JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING. FRONT ROW: R. Fucinaro, B. Scott, T. Ruhl, J. Henk, R. Amenta, H. Kronberg. ROW 2: student manager K. Dusek, S. Schmidt, G. Flott, M. Schutz, C. Zagozda, K. Daily, student manager T. Simchuk. BACK ROW: coach J. McGrath, D. Gallegos, J. Radicia, L. Davis, D. Flott, coach R. Emsick.

FRESHMAN WRESTLING. FRONT ROW: B. Trogdon, J. Wells, T. Gray, R. Waschinek, S. Bills, C. Cavalieir. BACK ROW: coach J. McGath, J. Bruce, S. Dormer, A. Stanley, R. Frost, S. McNealy, C. Flemming, coach R. Emsick.

Frosh end 3-5 under Rick Emsick

Anxiously awaiting the outcome of the match is first year coach Rick Emsick.



FRESHMAN WRESTLING

	RHS	OPP
Gross	15	39
Paul VI	30	24
Kirn	18	47
Roncalli	26	16
Creighton Prep	18	42
Fremont	9	60
Wilson	16	54
St. Alberts	28	24

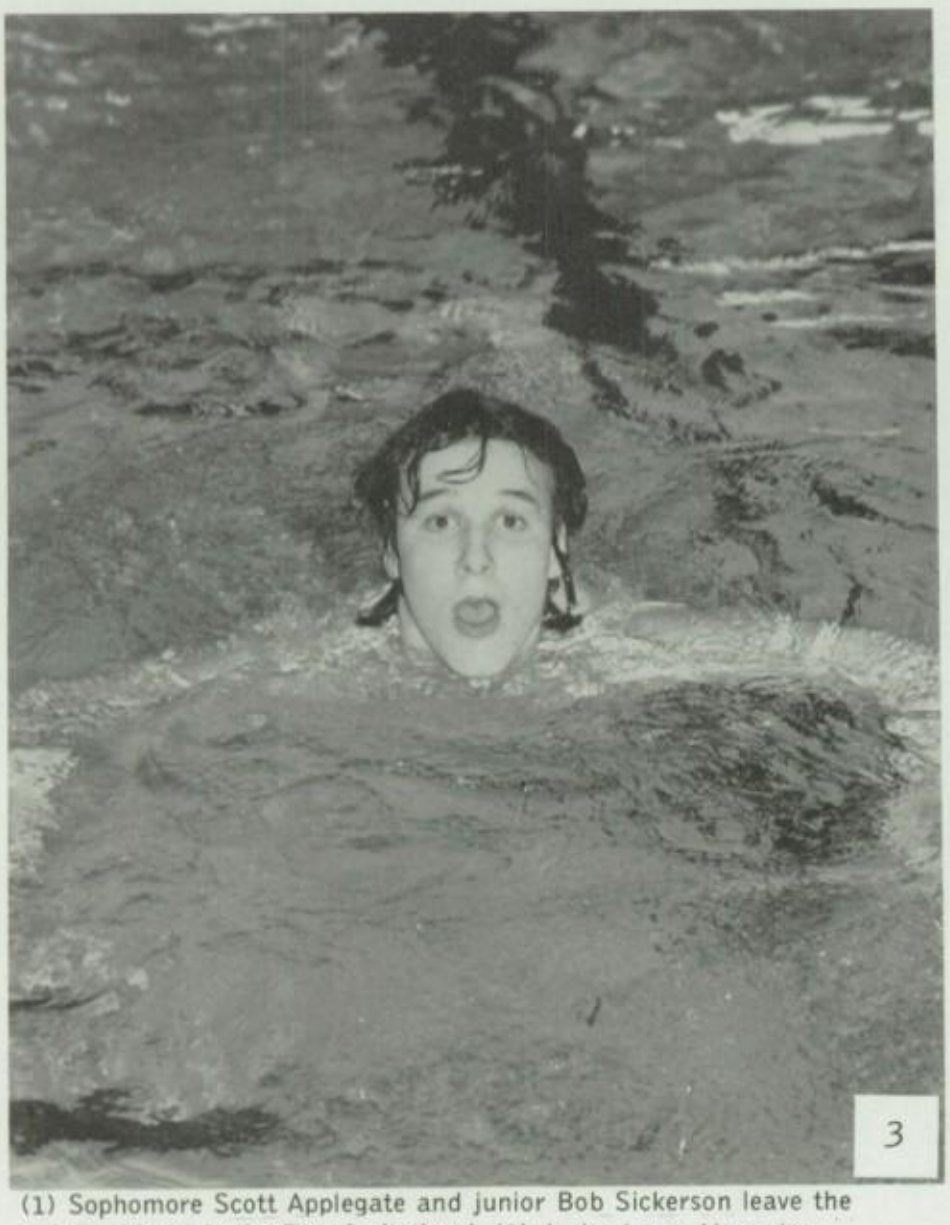
With only five freshman wrestlers competing, the team finished with a 3-5 dual meet record.

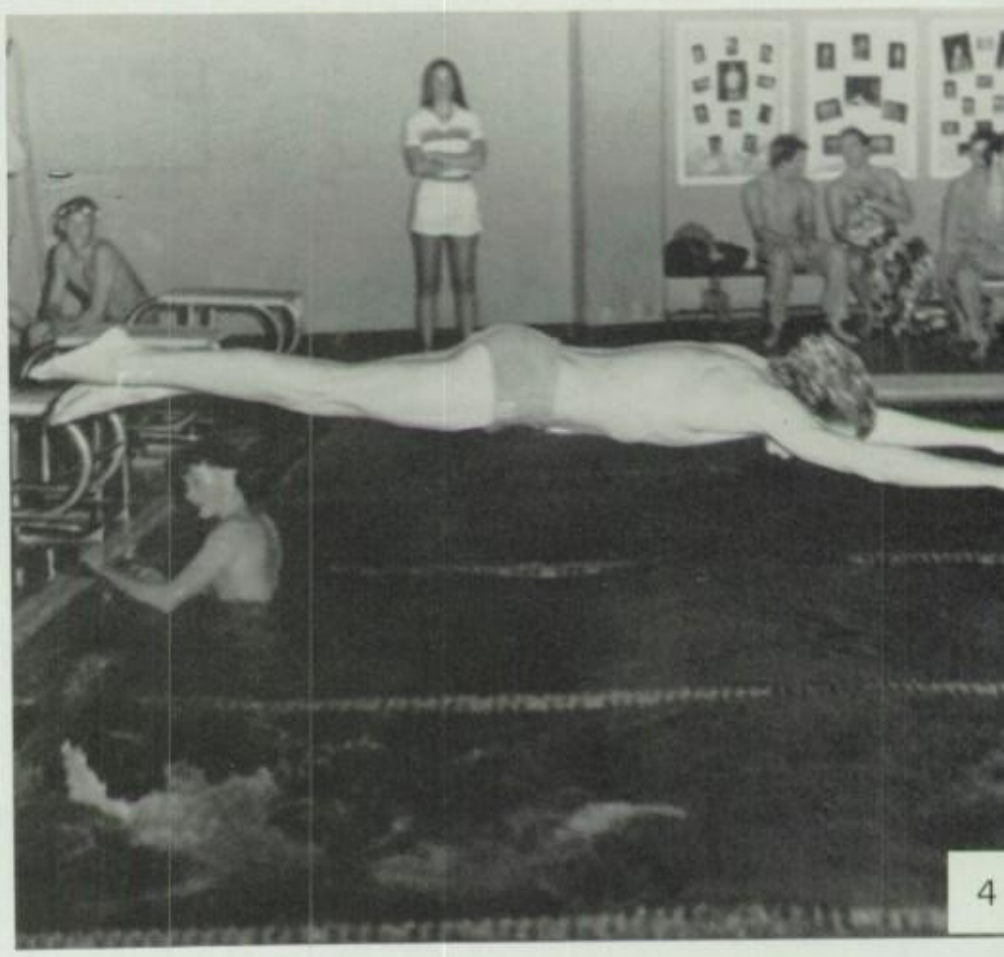
First year coach Rick Emsick was "really happy" with the performance of the five wrestlers because they came out with a 30-20-1 combined record.

Leading the wrestlers was Shawn Dormer, with a 7-2 record. He also led the team with nine takedowns, four reversals, ten escapes and 11 near falls and took second in the conference. Rick Waschinek finished with an 8-3 record and fourth in the conference, and Craig Fleming took fourth, with a 6-4 record.

Ralston's victories were over Paul VI, Roncalli and St. Alberts.

Coach Emsick commented that he was pleased with the performance of the five wrestlers because of the fact that they did finish the season and that forfeits really hurt the team. He also cited Shawn Dormer as the outstanding wrestler of the season and cited Waschinek as an outstanding performer throughout the season, also.





(1) Sophomore Scott Applegate and junior Bob Sickerson leave the starting blocks in the Ram Invitational. (2) Junior Larry Alexander swims the freestyle in the dual meet against Tech. (3) Breastsroking his way to the finish line is senior Steve Sunde. (4) Warming up for the meet against Burke is sophomore Greg Sandiland. (5) Swimming the backstroke in the Millard Invitation is senior Dean Gute.

BOYS' SWIMMING. FRONT ROW: D. Gute, D. Muldoon, S. Applegate, P. Weber, M. Heaton, M. Leahy, G. White. ROW 2: D. Prem, L. Hart, S. Collins, J. Hobza, L. Alexander, S. Jack, M. Randolph, J. Wheeler, coach L. Hill, student managers K. Kowal, K. Smith, M. Horst, D. Carlton. BACK ROW: D. Zimmerman, J. Higgason, S. Sunde, G. Sandiland.

Swimmers finish seventh in state

BOYS' SWIMMING

	RHS	OPP
Roncalli	78	18
North	66	14
Tee Jay	56	22
Burke	37	45
Tech	63	17
Bryan	42	41
Westside	73	98
Millard	75	94
Northwest	78	94
Bellevue West	85	86
Gross	123	48
Papillion	116	54
Division Relay		2nd
Metro		6th
State		7th

Junior diver Dan Prem performs against Gross.

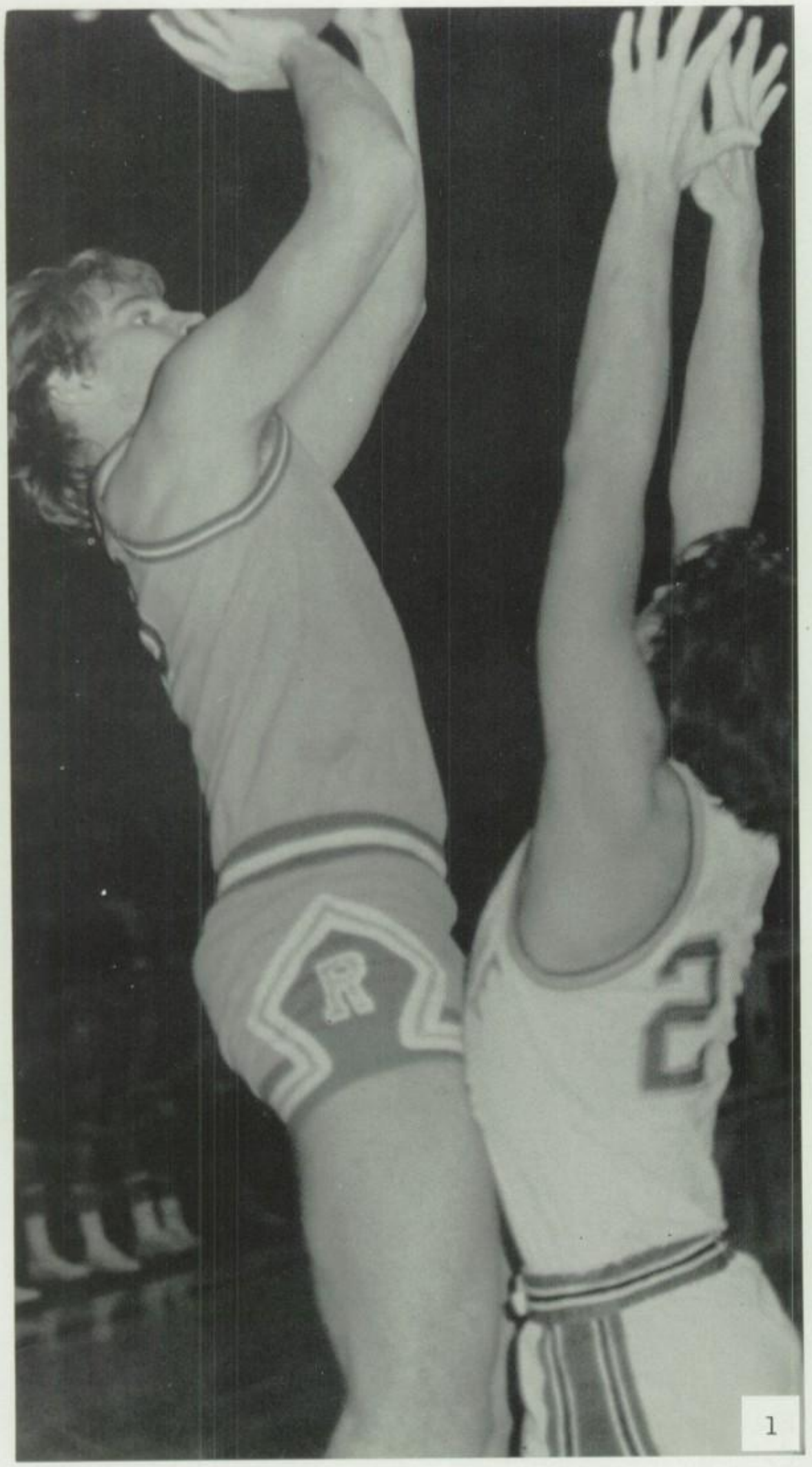
"I was somewhat disappointed in the performance of the team during the year, but the kids really came through in the state meet," commented coach Larry Hill.

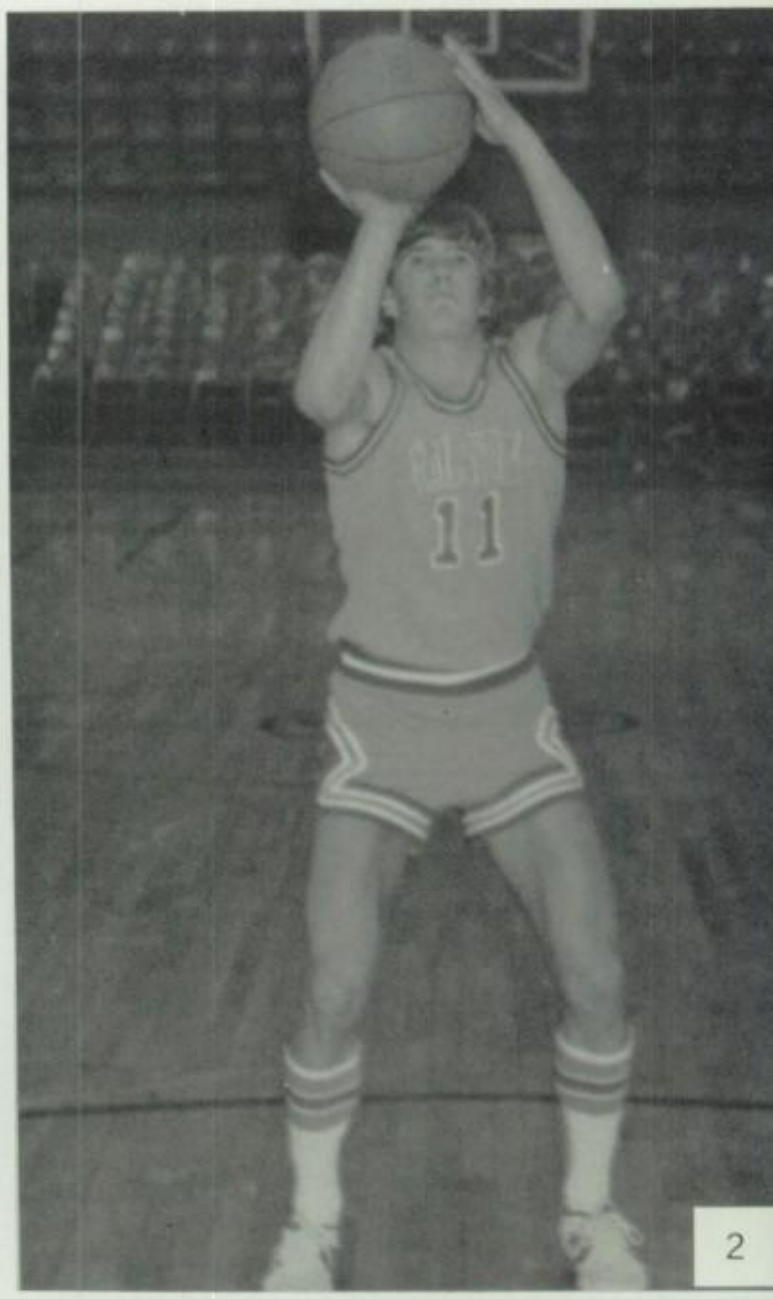
Leading the swimmers to a 7-5 dual meet record and a seventh place finish in the state meet was junior Mike Randolph, who set three new school records in the 50, 100, and 500-yard freestyle, and was the anchor leg in the 200-yard medley relay, which also set a school record. Also setting a pool record was senior Jerry Higgason, in the 100-yard breaststroke.

This being the first year in the Metro Conference, the Rams finished sixth in the conference and took second in the American Conference relay meet.

Coach Hill said, "I am really pleased with the team for doing so well, and I'm especially happy with the sophomore and junior performances."

Randolph was named the outstanding swimmer of the year.





(1) Junior Randy Jostes scores over a Bellevue East player at the Civic Auditorium. (2) Senior Guy Plugge concentrates to hit his free throws during Tech game. (3) Senior Mike Karstens and some razzle-dazzle team up to keep Bellevue West players guessing. (4) Junior Sean Nemec tries for two in the South-Ralston match-up.

VARSITY BASKETBALL. FRONT ROW: G. Plugge, M. Karstens, E. Storm, M. Tolan, P. Branch. BACK ROW: manager S. Larsen, coach L. Koening, G. Luedders, R. Jostes, K. Hilbers, S. Nemec, R. Chandler, coach K. Ahl.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

	RHS	OPP
South	53	62
Millard	44	58
North	49	45
Ryan	79	62
Northwest	52	60
Bellevue East	45	54
Roncalli	73	83
Tee Jay	56	65
Papillion	60	55
Bellevue West	45	51
Westside	60	80
Beatrice	67	93
Burke	45	49
Tech	62	89
Bryan	45	47
Benson	61	78
Linc. Northeast	43	57
Bryan	58	56
Millard	39	47

Coach 'disappointed' in 4-15 record

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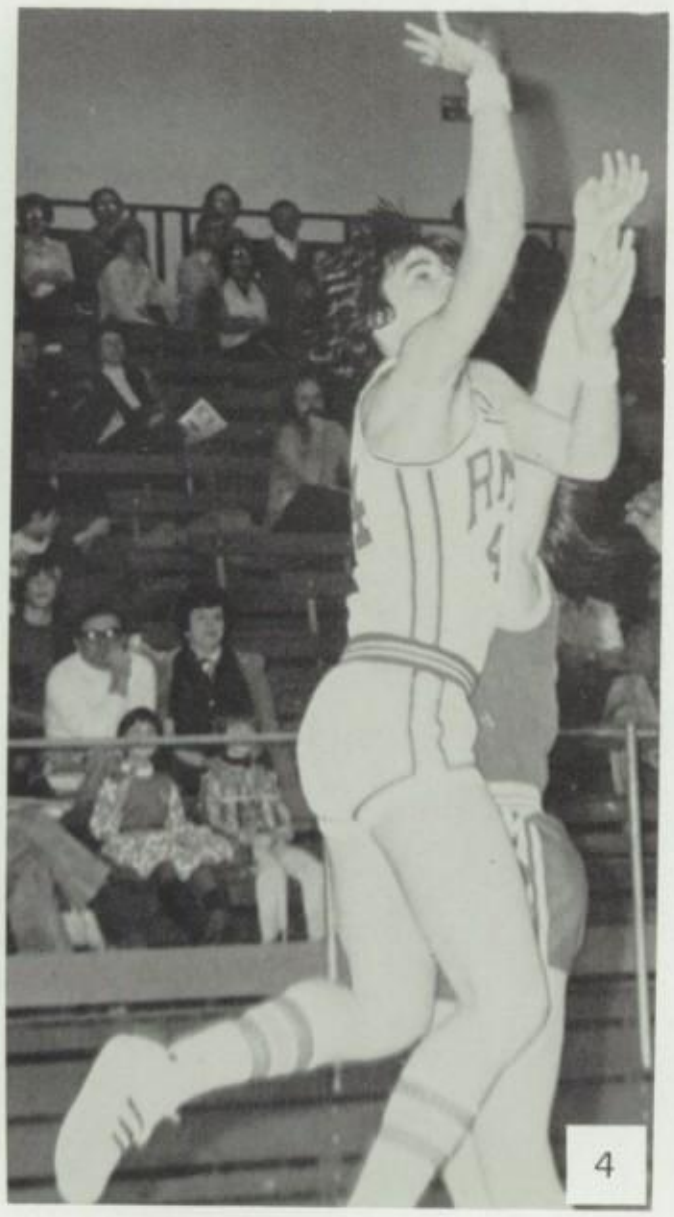

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"I was disappointed and thought we played better than our (4-15) record indicated," said varsity basketball coach Ken Ahl.

Despite losses in the first two games, Ralston came back with double wins over North and Ryan, who were both picked to win.

However, a streak of four losses followed, two of which were squeakers, such as the Roncalli triple overtime game. Junior Randy Jostes put the game in its second overtime with a last second power layup, and the final overtime was commenced by junior Sean Nemec, with two final second free throws. A streak of turnovers and four straight baskets by Roncalli then put the game out of reach for the Ram cagers.

The team's next victory came with a comeback win over arch rival Papillion by a score of 60-55, and the fourth win was against Bryan in the district finals.

Jostes was scoring leader with 253 points. Nemec followed with 197, senior Mike Karstens had 166, and senior Gary Ludders had 104.

Jostes led the rebounding with a total of 147, followed by Nemec with 110.

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL. FRONT ROW: K. Cox, M. Nuss, M. Kleveter, D. Peterson, J. Rausch. BACK ROW: R. Huff, J. Schuman, D. Hattan, D. Meyer, J. Piontkowski, coach L. Koenig.

Narrow win aids jv; Pape leads sophomores

Coach Larry Koenig's jv squad posted a 9-7 winning record for the year. Overall, coach Koenig was "pleased with the boys' play and their attitudes."

The young Rams opened the season against South and came out the victors in a close game, 52-50. Other highlights included wins over Millard, Ryan, T.J., Papillion, Westwide, Burke, Bryan, and an overtime victory over Benson, 70-68. Ralston faced Lincoln Northeast at the end of the season, losing 49-48.

Sophomore Dave Hattan was the outstanding offensive and defensive player with a total of 170 points and 115 total rebounds.

Coach Ron Siske's sophomore team finished the season with a 0-15 record. Sophomore Jerry Pape led the squad with a total of 97 offensive points.

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

	RHS	OPP
South	52	50
Millard	62	44
North	68	76
Ryan	51	49
Northwest	65	70
Roncalli	51	58
Tee Jay	58	57
Papillion	64	55
Bellevue West	57	62
Westside	62	61
Beatrice	68	73
Burke	66	55
Tech	45	57
Bryan	70	57
Benson	70	68
Linc. Northeast	48	49

SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL. FRONT ROW: B. Brinson, E. Sunde, S. Gregory, J. Schlaht, S. Fokken. BACK ROW: coach R. Siske, J.Pape, A. Shanmugan, C. Postma, T. Smith, D. Traynor.

Frosh hopes dim at cager semi-finals

SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL

	RHS	OPP
Creighton Prep	29	62
Tech	41	50
Central	31	63
Southeast	29	68
Tee Jay	42	64
Papillion	26	63
Westside	25	59
Northwest	5	58
Burke	46	60
Bryan	55	57
North	50	53
East	38	67
Bellevue West	31	44
Ryan	47	58
Roncalli	31	57

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

	RHS	OPP
Gross	72	74
Fremont	33	56
Holy Name	57	29
Papillion	67	77
Arbor Heights	49	47
Cathedral	62	38
Ryan	68	75
Roncalli	46	42
Creighton Prep	50	62
Paul VI	79	30
Wilson	49	44
St. Alberts	39	51
Kirn	65	59
Gross	55	53
Creighton Prep.	33	70

Freshman hoopsters determinedly fought their way to the semi-finals at Metro but were ousted by a stingy Prep team, 70-33.

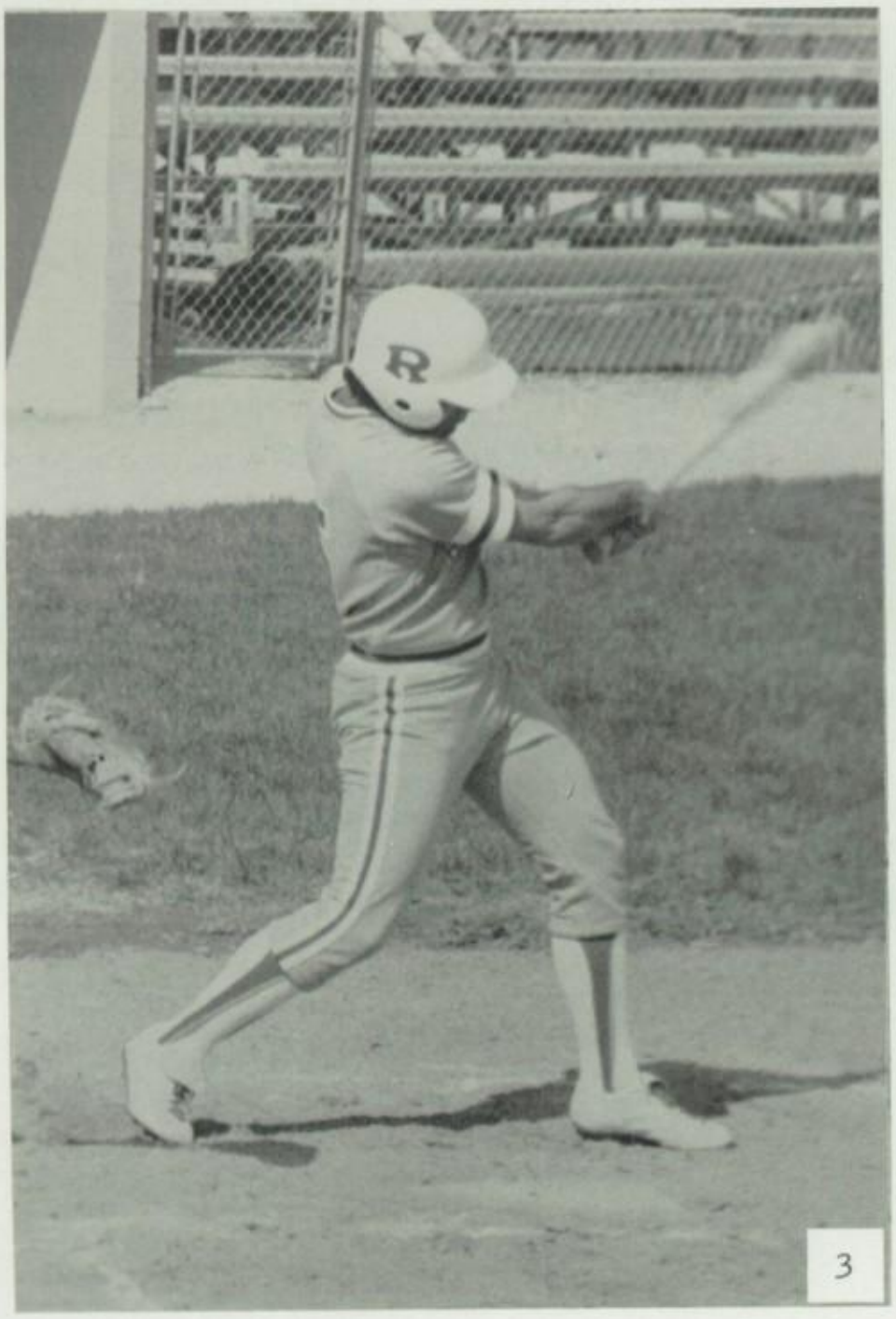
Two main surprise endings occurred when the team saw a 13-point half-time lead turn into a two-point loss against Gross and a ten-point lead by Arbor Heights ruined by a last second shot by Perry Wiseman.

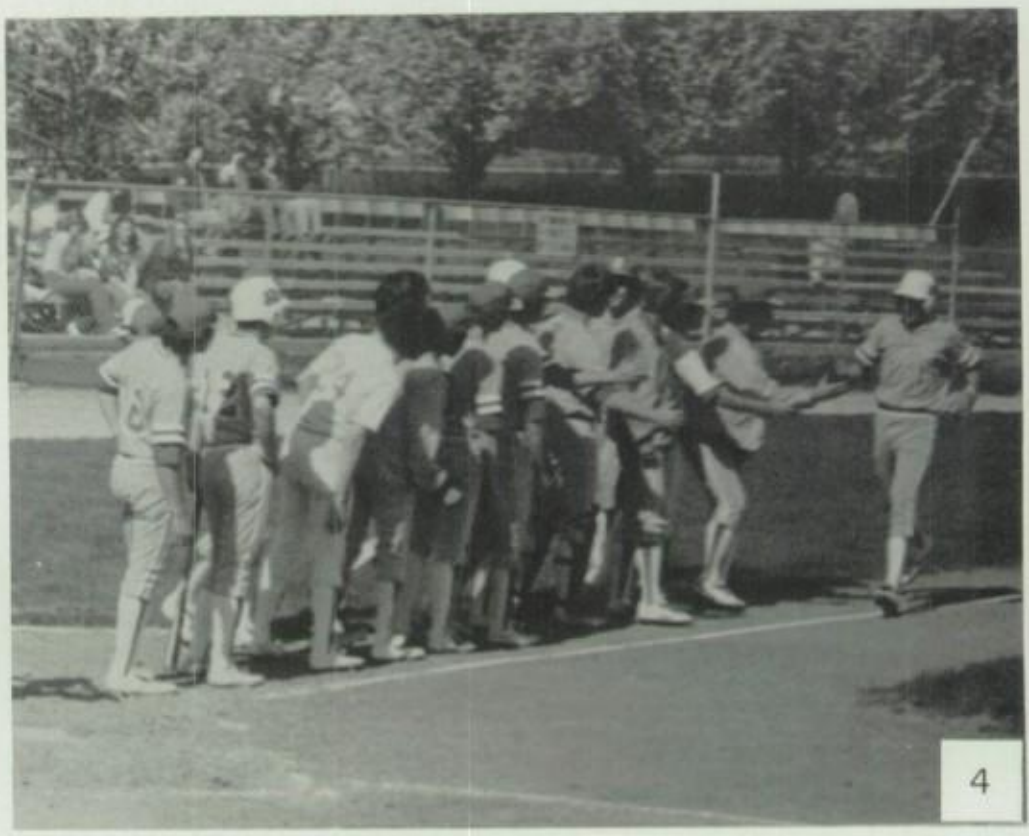
Head coach Steve Brennan said, "The way to describe these boys would be proud and determined. We were well off offensively but our defense needed some work."

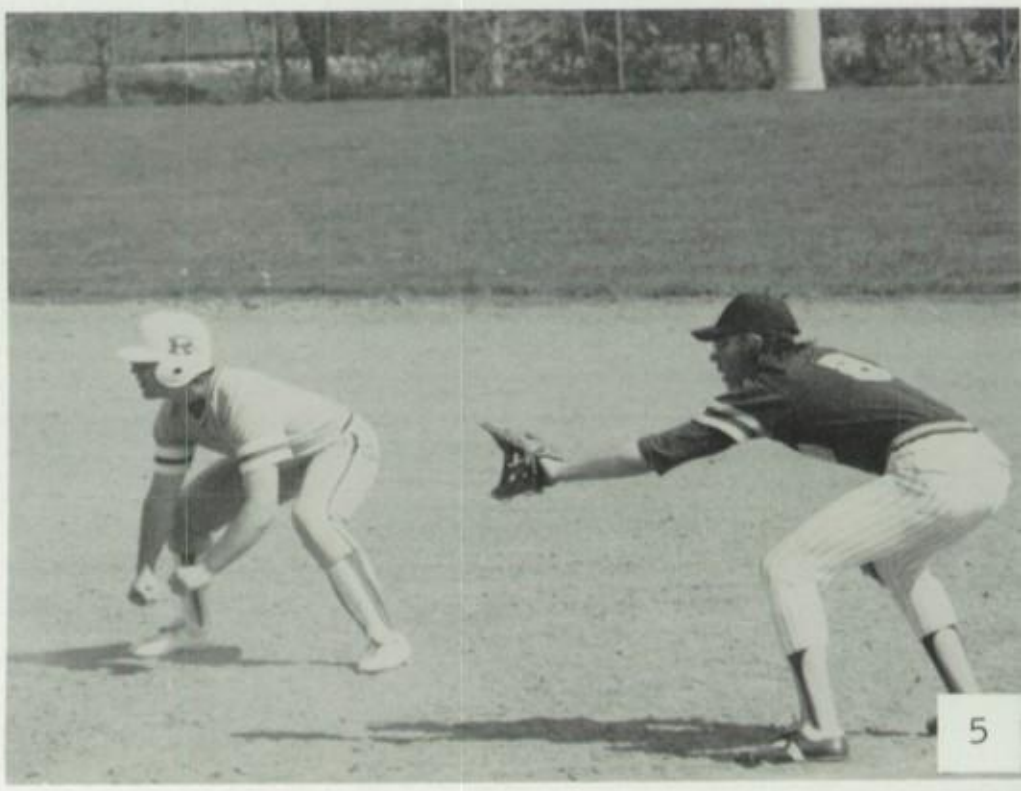
The season ended with a record of 8-7 for the frosh varsity. Curt Shockey, coach of the frosh "B" team, was pleased with his 4-6 squad.

Team standouts included Casey Johnson with a high of 210 points and Dana Davenport with a total of 138 rebounds.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL. FRONT ROW: J. Connor, S. Krieger, C. Coppersmith, B. Rasmussen, D. Heyer, D. Culbertson, D. Iltzsch, R. Dowland. ROW 2: D. Davenport, H. Morey, B. Fowler, M. Pool, T. Hansen, S. Kozeny, S. Wells, C. Johnson, B. Smith, P. Wiseman, T. Conway, J. Allen. BACK ROW: coach C. Shockey, B. Rezek, T. Van Cleave, D. Ketcham, M. Burdette, T. Rea, J. Hungerford, D. Weichel, R. Burkhalter, S. Jay, J. Eisheid, head coach S. Brennan.







(1) Sophomore Mike Kleveter awaits the pitch from his Ryan opponent. (2) Junior Steve Duracinski prepares to tag the Papillion base runner. (3) Senior Mark Tolan strokes a base hit against Millard. (4) Senior Tim Harm is congratulated by teammates after his two-run homer against Tech. (5) Taking his lead off first base is senior Al Rotella.

VARSITY BASEBALL. FRONT ROW: D. Burdette, T. Frady, M. Kleveter, A. Rotella, M. Tolan, S. Durancinski, J. Lewellen, J. Barone, student manager J. Baggett. BACK ROW: coach J. Vacanti, M. Markoff, S. Peterson, R. Reese, T. Harm, F. Morgensen, D. Nordell, K. Kunc, J. Piontkowski, R. Kleinsmith, J. Marr, coach C. Shockey, head coach D. Smith.

Rams capture district championship

VARSITY BASEBALL

	RHS	OPP
Millard	8	2
Abraham Lincoln	1	5
North	7	3
Ryan	2	10
Burke	6	5
Bellevue East	4	6
Central	3	5
Benson	7	3
Westside	1	0
Bellevue West	5	1
Tech	11	2
Roncalli	6	3
Bryan	0	4
Papillion	6	8
Tee Jay	2	3
Westside (District)	5	3
Central (District)	2	1
Millard (State)	5	6
Papillion (Ram Inv)	1	5
Millard (Ram Inv)	1	6

Coach Deloss Smith's "young" Rams earned a trip to the state high school baseball tournament by winning the A-2 district championship.

The Rams started the year out slowly, finishing the season with an 8-9 record, but with victories over Westside and Central they raised their record to 10-9 and a chance at the state championship.

"We thought we had a pretty good defensive and some fine pitching. We weren't hitting the ball as I wanted them to, but I guess we peaked just at the right time," said coach Smith.

In the tournament, Ralston faced rival Millard. Having defeated them in the opening game of the season and losing to them in the Ram Invitational, the Rams were defeated 6-5 in semi-final action, on May 23.

"We felt we had a good team. We improved as the season progressed. We're just happy to have played at state," added coach Smith.

Seniors Al Rotella, and Mark Tolan were named to the Collins/Orcott all-star game, with Tolan winning the silver bat award with a .345 average, and Rotella taking the golden glove award. Coach Smith also named senior Ralph Kleinsmith as the most spirited player, and sophomore Mike Kleveter as most improved.

Coach Smith added that he was exceptionally proud of "these fine men," and it is a tremendous accomplishment to be able to play in a state tournament.

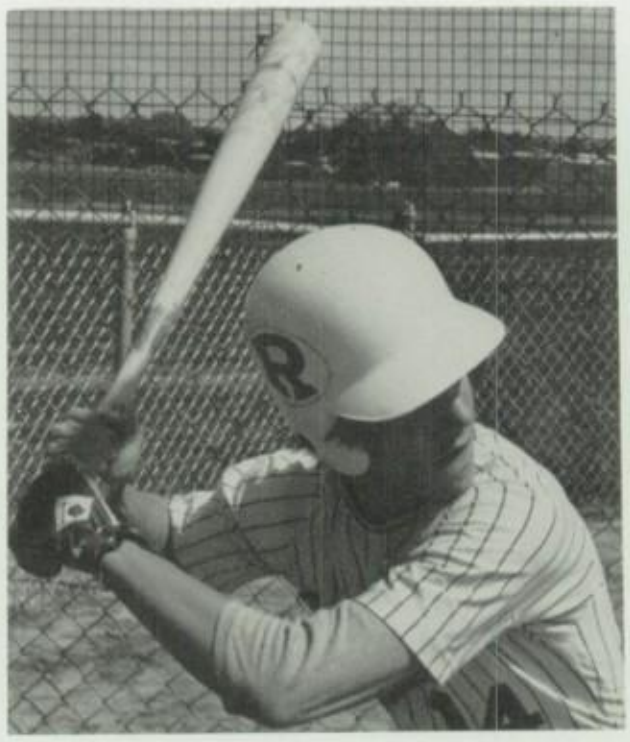
Freshmen assist team in 6-6 record

Coach Curt Shockey's junior varsity baseball team finished the season with a 6-6 record, winning all six games at home and losing six on the road.

Seventeen players made up the jv team with 12 of them being freshmen. Leading the team in hitting were freshmen Perry Wiseman and Rich Stultz. Leading the pitchers were sophomore Gordon Gerbholz and freshmen Scott Wells, Bruce Smith and Vince Ivacic, who pitched six games in relief.

Coach Shockey commented that an average of seven freshmen started in every game and that the team shows promise for the future. He added that he was very pleased with the performance of the freshmen.

Sophomore Scott Heckman takes batting practice.



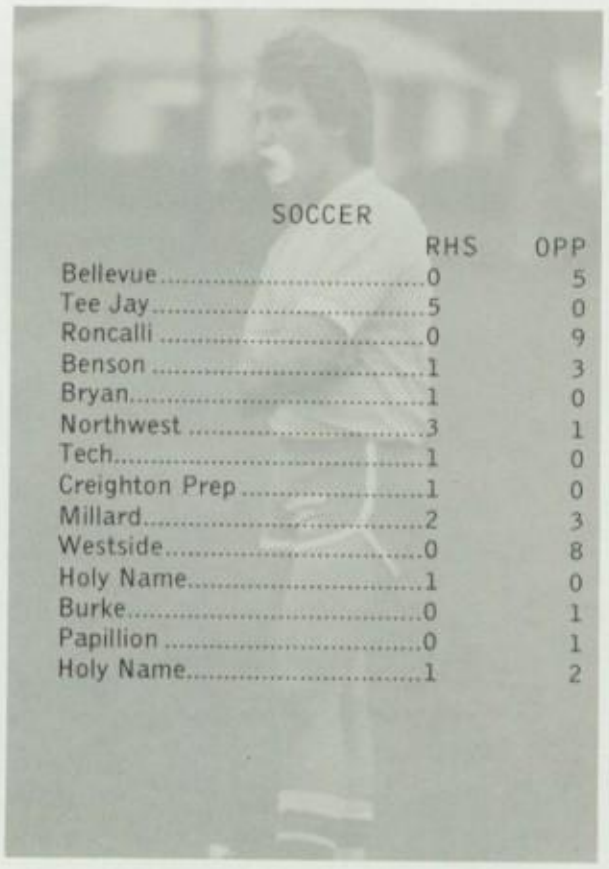
JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

	RHS	OPP
Westside	8	6
Burke	4	3
Tech	6	10
Paul VI	12	2
Roncalli	4	2
North	6	2
Bellevue West	3	4
Millard	1	7
Ryan	2	3
Papillion	3	7
Tee Jay	5	9
Bryan	8	1

JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL. FRONT ROW: P. Wiseman, T. Conway, V. Ivacic, B. Brinson, B. Woster, S. Heckman, R. Legenza, J. Baggett.

BACK ROW: coach C. Shockey, R. Stultz, M. Burdette, G. Gerbholz, T. Smith, D. Hatten, S. Wells, B. Smith, C. Johnson, B. Pearson.

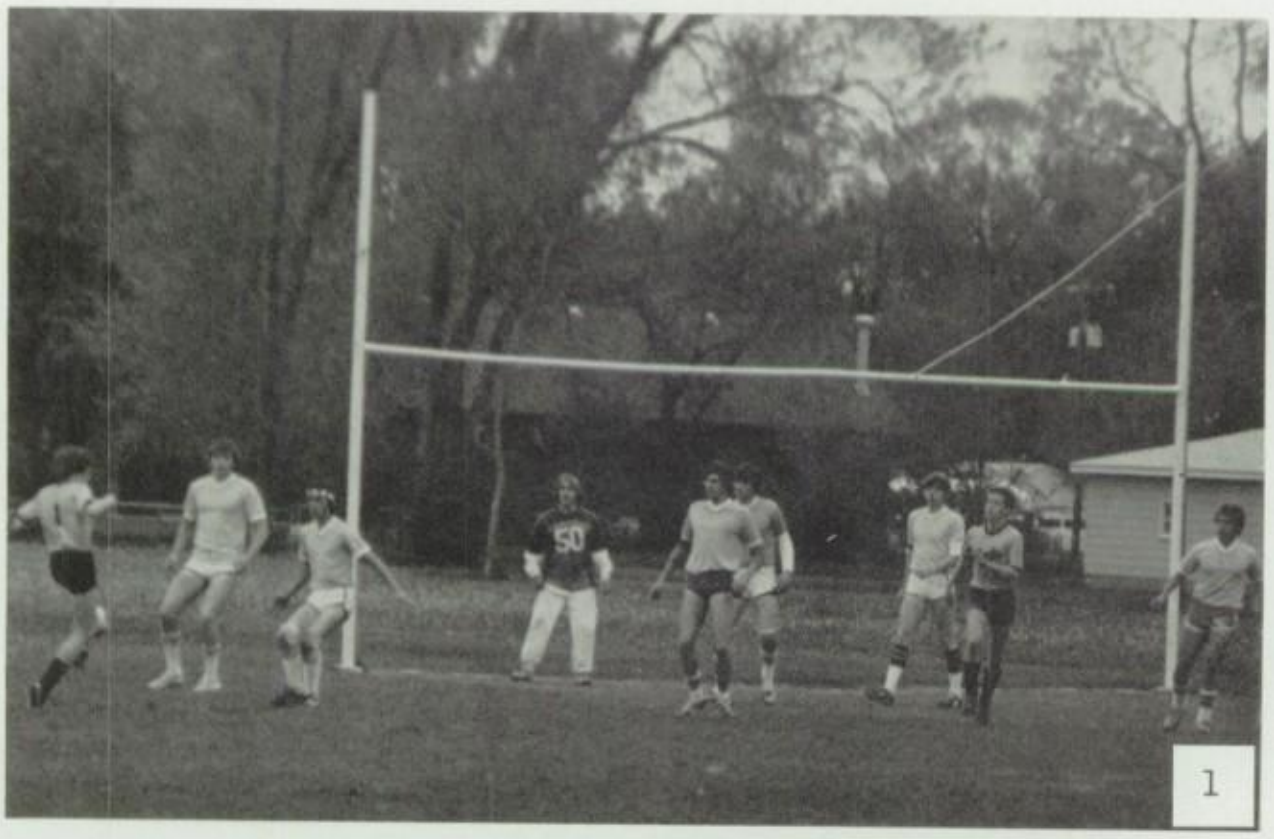
SOCCER. FRONT ROW: L. Yang, S. Morton, B. Yang, G. Colan, R. Watson, D. Smith, D. Gute, S. Bond. BACK ROW: M. Jackson, B. Krohn, J. Higgason, B. Talamante, J. Janowski, J. Turner, J. Comstock, coach D. Hoy.



SOCCER

	RHS	OPP
Bellevue	0	5
Tee Jay	5	0
Roncalli	0	9
Benson	1	3
Bryan	1	0
Northwest	3	1
Tech	1	0
Creighton Prep	1	0
Millard	2	3
Westside	0	8
Holy Name	1	0
Burke	0	1
Papillion	0	1
Holy Name	1	2

Seniors lead team to best ever



Ralston's soccer team completed its fifth year in the Metro High School Soccer Association with a 6-8 record, the best record in the history of the school.

Juniors John Turner and Brian Krohn led the team in scoring with six goals apiece, and Turner and junior Mark Jackson collecting three assists each. Senior goalie Richard Watson only allowed 2.36 goals against average while recording five shutouts.

Senior Dean Gute was placed on the second all-star team while seniors Watson, Jon Hansen, Dave Smith and Turner received honorable mention.

Coach Denton Hoy commented he was very happy with the team's performance and really praised the defensive. He also expressed his appreciation for "all the seniors who came out." They included Watson, Smith, Hansen, Gute, Jack Hynes, Bernie Talamante and Jerry Higgason.

(1)The Rams' defensive, led by senior Dave Smith, junior Gail Colan, seniors Richard Watson, Jerry Higgason, Jon Hansen, Jack Hynes and Dean Gute stop the Burke forward from scoring. (2) Huddling around coach Denton Hoy for last minute instructions are members of the soccer team.

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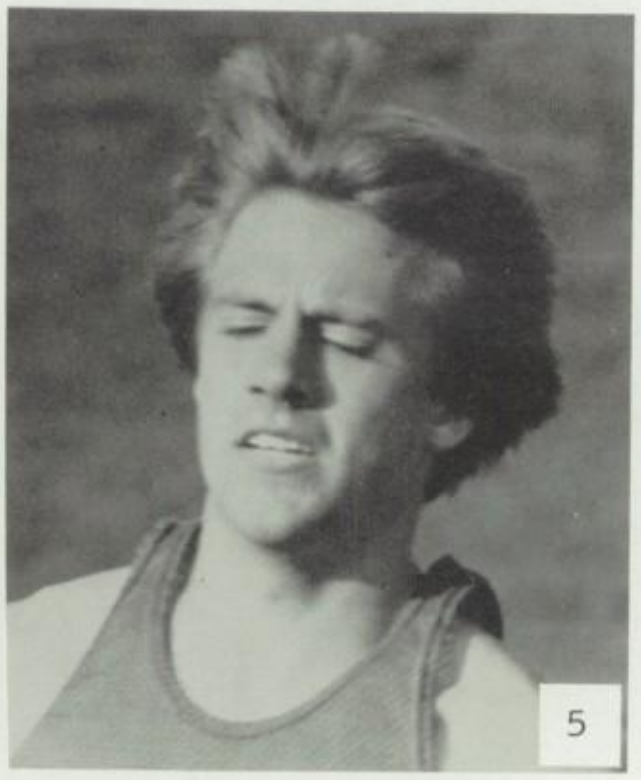
VARSITY TRACK. FRONT ROW: B. Kruse, C. Lorence, M. Gustus, D. Dawson, P. Mancosu, B. Lanham, S. Kellner, G. Wiebe, J. Aslor, B. Krohn, student manager S. Johnson. ROW 2: student manager J. Connor, C. Parrott, D. Bauer, M. Pigman, M. VanCleave, R. Huff, G. Taylor, M. Schutz, P. Foy, R. Jostes, T. Connor, P. Weber, B. Munden. ROW 3: B. Scott, S. Larsen, R. Stevens, S. Todd, J. Rausch, C. Monroe, S. Hilmer, J. Radicia, J. Pape, R. Chandler, P. Branch, E. Storm, D. Wilken. BACK ROW: coach G. Dubbs, R. Johnson, A. Shanmugam, S. Nemec, coach T. Davis, coach R. Siske.

High-ranked team is 'best in years'

VARSITY TRACK

	OPP	RHS
A.L.	47	93
North	38	102
Bryan	60	81
Technical	31	108
Roncalli	35	84
Bellevue West	63	78
Westside	55	85
Burke	69	72
T.J.	0	1
Ryan	25	116
Ram Relays		7th
Fremont Invitational		7th
Norfolk Invitational		5th
Millard Invitational		4th
Metro Conference		3rd
Districts		2nd
State class A		8th
State overall		11th



"This is the best team we have had in years," said head varsity track coach Gary Dubbs. "We sent more people to state than ever before."

Highlights of the state track meet at Burke High May 19-20 were junior Randy Jostes' being selected as outstanding performer, and placing second in the class A discus and sixth in the shot at 52'5¼"

The one-mile relay team of junior Dan Bauer, senior Brad Munden, junior Scot Todd and senior Paul Branch placed second in class A and overall with a 3:27.2, only one second away from first place Lincoln East. Senior Courty Monroe placed third in class A, fifth overall in the two-mile run at 9:49.2, and junior Jeff Aslor placed seventh in the 100-yard dash at 10.2.

Ralston placed eighth overall in class A, with 23 points, and 11th in the Grand Championships, with 14.

Other qualifiers were: junior Greg Taylor, 180-yard low hurdles; senior Tim Connor, pole vault; junior Rick Chandler, discus; the 880 relay team of Aslor, sophomore Brian Scott, seniors Munden and Barry Krohn, and Todd in the 440 and 880-yard runs.

Five new school records were broken as the thinclads toured to a 10-0 dual meet record, capturing the American Division title and tying for third in its first year of the Metro Conference. New records were Krohn's shot put of 54'5" and a 171'8" discus throw.

(1) Undefeated discus record holder, junior Randy Jostes, throws an easy victory at the Ram Relays. (2) State qualifier in the 440, 880 and the mile relay, junior Scott Todd, finishes his leg in the mile relay. (3) Senior record holder Tim Connors clears a tri-dual winning height. (4) Junior Mike VanCleave bares down to lead in the Ram Relay high hurdles. (5) Determined state two-miler, senior Courty Monroe, finishes his race at state.

Frosh end track season undefeated

Ralston's freshman track team ended up undefeated in dual meets, beating two opponents by over 100 points. Their 7-0 record gave them the Freshman Inter-City League trophy.

The freshmen were also close runners-up in the freshman Suburban Conference track meet with a score of 52.

The team was led by six record breakers: John Allen, in the 440-yard lows; Allen, Steve Lee, Greg Anderson, Mike Grap, in the 440-yard relay; and Allen, Dan Weichel, Grap, Dana Davenport, in the 880-yard relay. Lee and Davenport also tied two other school records in the 220-yard dash and the triple jump.

The closest any team came to the Rams in scoring was Prep, with a score of 73-56. "I knew they were stable from the beginning, and I expected a lot from them," said coach Tom Bodzek. "But they lived up to my expectations. These guys have a lot of promise."

FRESHMAN TRACK

	OPP	RHS
Creighton Prep	56	73
Ryan	24	109
Wilson	35	101
Kirn	48	88
Roncalli	55	72
St. Alberts	53	83
Gross	47	86
Millard Invitational		7th
Conference Meet		2nd

(1) Fourth year coach, Tom Bodzek, times during a home meet. (2) Sixty-yard high hurdler, Jon Talamante, places second in a home meet against Creighton Prep.

FRESHMAN TRACK. FRONT ROW: student manager J. Connor, S. Jay, M. Gilecke, D. Iltzsch, M. Grap, G. Anderson, M. Pigman. ROW 2: L. Kozeny, S. Cortese, C. Jacobson, T. Vachal, D. Taylor, C. Lyman, P. Ranos, J. Talamante. BACK ROW: D. Lewis, D. Davenport, D. Weichel, D. Anttila, K. Brazille, S. Lee, T. Hansen, J. Allen, H. Morey, S. Woods, coach T. Bodzek.

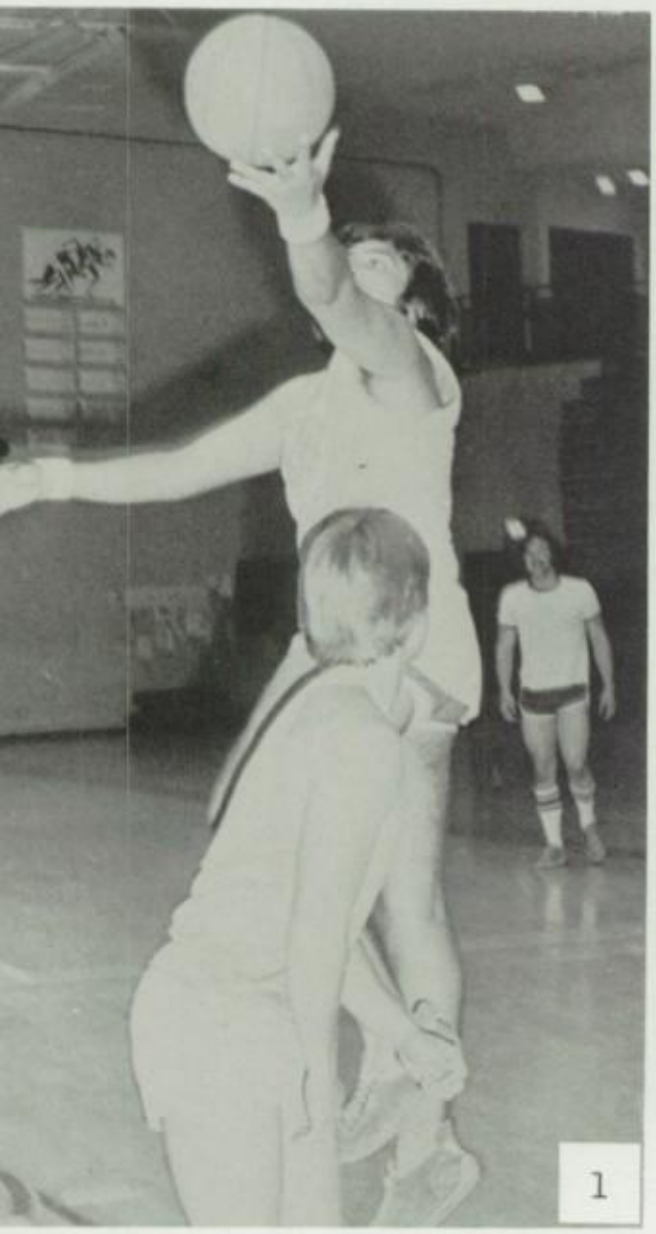
Snorts win intramural basketball title

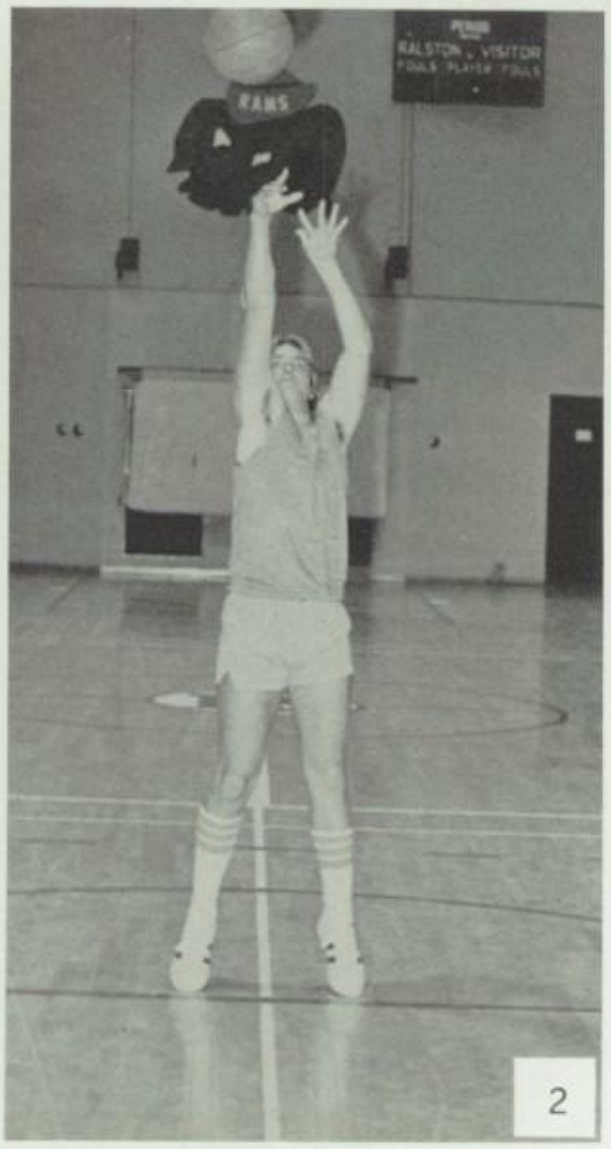
Winning the title were D. Nordell, K. Antrim, S.Schafer, T. Connor, S. Ingalls, M. Meschede.

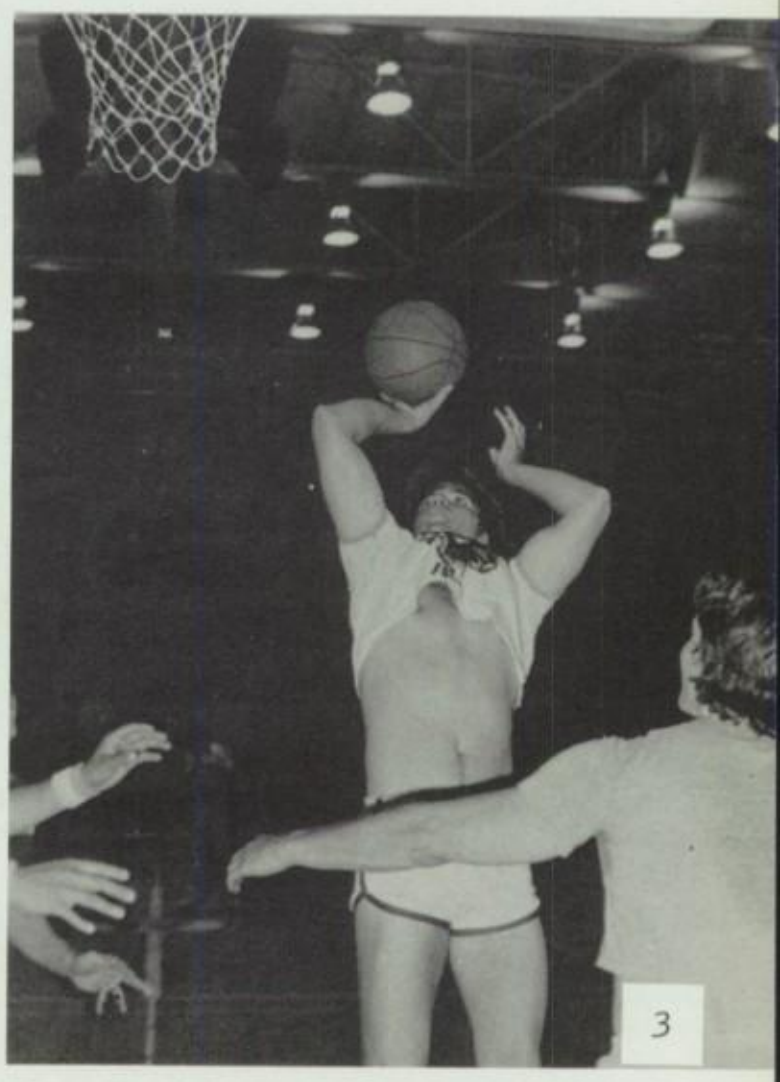
Eight teams competed in intramural basketball this past winter, with the Snorts, captained by senior Tim Connor, capturing the title on Feb. 19.

Led by Connor's 13 points and junior Ron Nordell's 11, the Snorts defeated the Losers 35-28. Leading the Losers was senior captain Terry Rocz, with six points, senior Jeff Haacke, juniors Steve Sorenson and Bob Kruse, with five points each.

Leading scorers for the season were seniors Rich Watson, Dave Smith, Bernie Talamante and Jeff Kawa.







(1) Senior Dave Smith puts up a jump shot. (2) Orange Crush captain, senior Richard Watson, attempts a free throw. (3) Bernie Talamante, senior, drives in for a layup.

GIRLS' GOLF: FRONT ROW: K. Homburg, T. Teague, L. Fideline, M. Slovek, L. Offerdahl. BACK ROW: coach K. Peterson, G. Fry, L. Trede, M. Fideline, T. Ludwig, E. Sorenson, D. Peitzmeier.

Whalen captures second

"This was a fine season and the best ever for a Ralston team," said coach Larry Hill.

The girls' swim club, which won the Ram Invitational, wrapped up the season with a 6-6 record and an eighth place finish in the Metro tournament. The Rams placed 12th in the state meet with freshman Diane Whalen capturing second place in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:22.638. The 200 medley relay placed ninth and in the 50 freestyle, junior Karen Kowal took 12th. Junior Pam Wiseman finished ninth in the 100 breaststroke.

Top scorers were senior Lisa Burianek, juniors Karen Kowal and Pam Wiseman and sophomore Carol Zacek. Overall performer was Diane Whalen.

(1) Junior Karen Kowal breaststrokes her way to the finish line in the Ram Invitational. (2) During the Duchesne Invitational, senior Gigi Fry tees off on the seventh hole. (3) Senior Mary Slovek drives the ball down to the putting green at Lakeview golf course.

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Peterson enjoys coaching girls' golf

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The Ralston girls' golf team ended the season with a 6-4 dual record and finished 12th out of 25 schools at the state tournament.

The girls also placed sixth in the Brownell-Talbot Invitational and fourth in the Metro tournament.

Senior letterwomen were Gigi Fry, earning her fourth letter, and Mary Slovek, her third. Juniors Tami Ludwig and Kim Homburg both collected first year letters.

The jv finished with a 5-1 record with victories over Papio, Westside, North, Burke and Tee Jay.

"I had fun; the girls were super to coach. The transition I made from coaching boys to girls athletics was easier than I had expected," said coach Ken Peterson. "With ten girls returning next year and anticipated improvement from all of them, I expect to have another enjoyable season and hope we can improve on this year's record."

GIRLS' SWIMMING. FRONT ROW: T. Meyer, A. Johnson. ROW 2: C. Van Fosson, D. Lamb, M. Heaton, D. Whalen, C. Politano, C. Paladino, K. Sestak. ROW 3: C. Cvitak, S. Haffke, K. Prem, J. Toft, B. Peterson, C. Zacek. BACK ROW: student manager J. Rosenthal, coach L. Hill, L. Retzlaff, K. Taylor, P. Wiseman, L. Burianek, K. Kowal, L. Grobeck, B. Browning.

Coach anticipates outstanding program

First year coach Shirley Richardson led the girls' volleyball team to a 6-3 record in division competition and 9-7 overall record. Victories came from Bellevue West, North, Tech, Ryan, Thomas Jefferson, Bryan and Northwest. The jv team ended its season with a 7-5 dual record.

The girls earned a second place finish at the district meet hosted at Ralston.

Coach Richardson gave the most valuable player award to senior Patti Johnson. Seniors Paula Hymans and Stacie Kelly were praised for meeting the statistics standards.

With the type of coaching and the competition that is happening at this time, coach Richardson anticipates an outstanding program for the future.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL. FRONT ROW: L. Johnson, T. Slovek, D. Engle, K. Selvig, K. Smith, K. Welliver, L. Madsen, C. Collins. BACK ROW: coach M. Kester, L. Hacker, B. Hacker, K. Malone, D. Schutz, P. Hymans, S. Hughes, S. Kelly, P. Johnson, L. Malone, coach S. Richardson.

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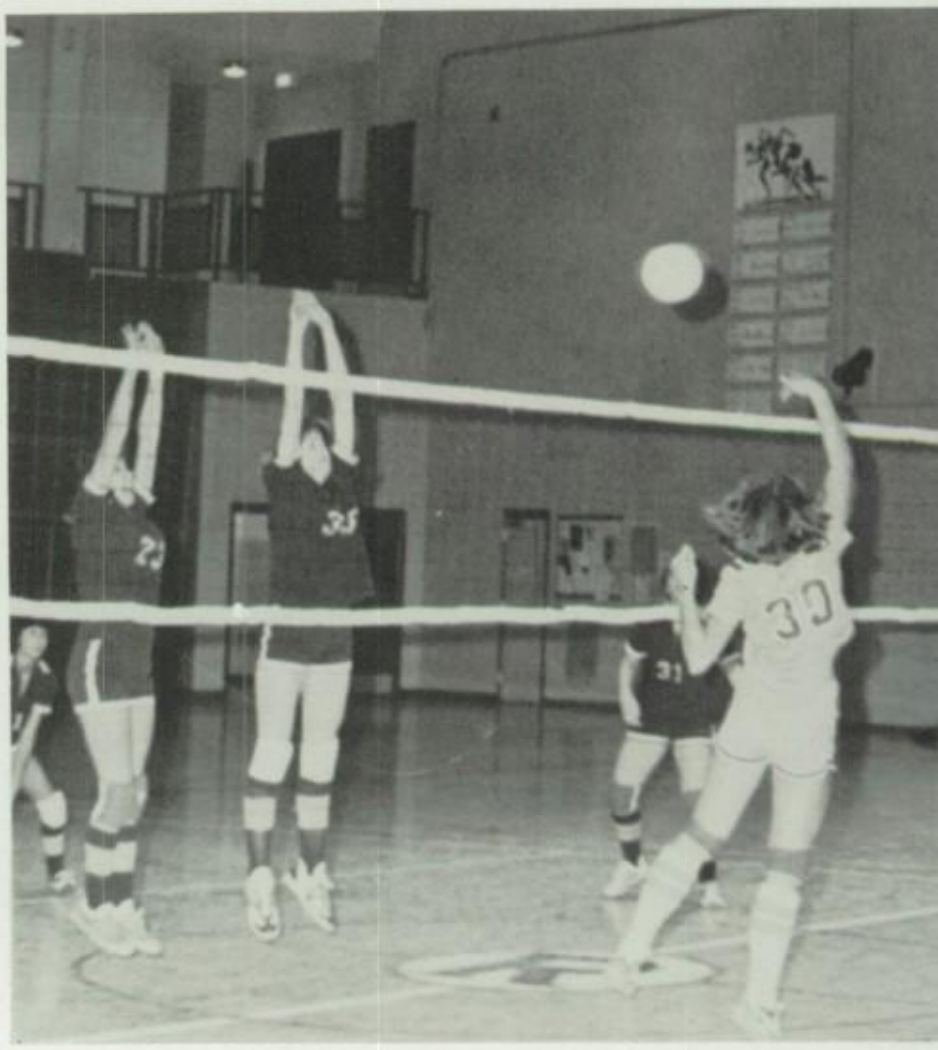

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL. FRONT ROW: T. Cvitak, L. Stadola, C. Adams, L. Houck. ROW 2: coach D. Kinney, S. Morey, L. Linse, R. Peterson, K. Ipson. BACK ROW: C. Daly, K. Olson, P. Burrell, K. Nyquist, C. Krambeck.

(1) Senior Diane Schutz attempts to spike the ball to her Bellevue West opponents. (2) During districts, senior Lori Hacker spikes the ball over opponents' heads. (3) Junior Kim Malone sets up the ball to senior teammate Patti Johnson.

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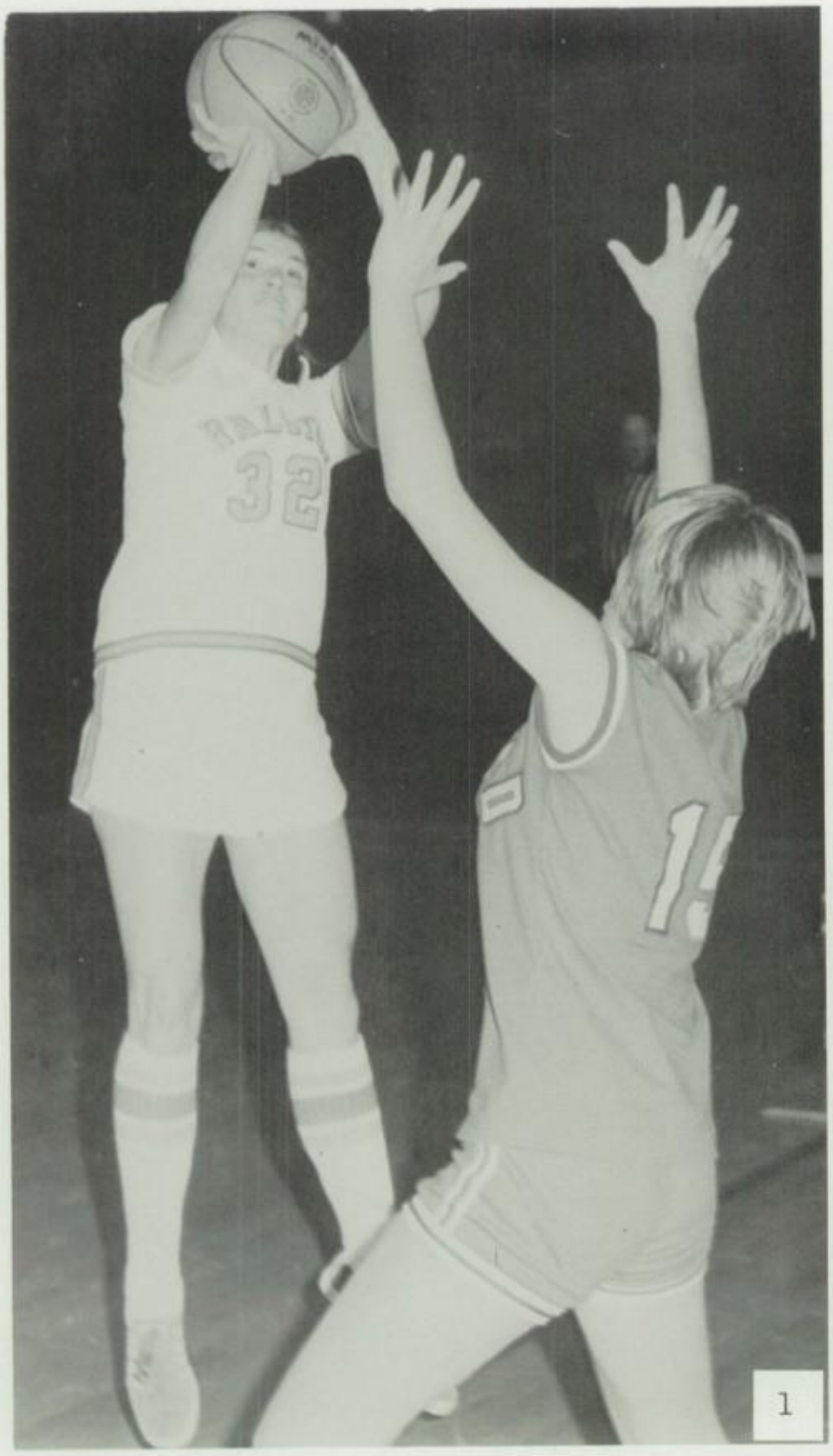

(1) Senior Diane Schutz shoots for a basket while a Millard opponent attempts to block. (2) Junior Tori Trede goes for a layup.

VARSITY BASKETBALL. S. Kelly, M. Fowler, D. Schutz, P. Hymans, L. Johnson, coach T. Seastedt, J. Bowersox, L. Trede, G. Fry, S. Hughes, R. Newman.

JV BASKETBALL. FRONT ROW: E. Sorenson, K. Heires, J. Pearson, K. Anderson, T. Slovak. BACK ROW: coach C. Dixon, D. Engles, V. Hanson, L. Grobeck, L. Hopkins, E. Hopkins, B. Burdette.

Hymans leads team for second year

FROSH BASKETBALL. ass't. coach M. Slovak, P. Burrell, C. Adams, C. VanFossen, J. Wilcoxson, S. Morey, R. Peterson, L. Stodola, L. Houck, C. Daly, K. Olson, coach J. Roeschke.

The varsity girls' basketball team completed its season with a 10-9 dual record including eight victories in the last ten games. The girls finished second in the district meet, beating Columbus and Fremont and posing a close race with Norfolk, losing by only four points. They also participated in the Holiday tournament.

Leading the scoring was senior Paula Hymans, with 260, senior Gigi Fry, 186, and junior Lori Trede, 163. Hymans also led in rebounds, with 257, Trede, 193, and sophomore Lea Johnson, 150. Most valuable player was awarded to Hymans.

Letter winners for the Rams were seniors Ronda Newman, Shelly Hughes, Stacie Kelly, Diane Schutz, Fry and Hymans. Juniors were Mary Fowler, Vicki Hanson, Ellen Hopkins and Trede. Sophomores were Johnson, Laura Hopkins and Kathy Heires.

Jv girls finished with a 9-6 dual record. Sophomore Vicki Hanson led the scoring with 155. Freshmen finished with 9-2.

(1) Seniors Sandy Senter and Lisa Burianek warm up for their doubles match at Ralston. (2) Junior Barb Hacker returns a serve from her opponent during the Ram Invitational on April 15. (3) Junior Denise Fleming concentrates on her gymnastics routine during a home meet. (4) Warming up on the balance beam is sophomore Kari Sigerson.

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Haugen receives top performer award

The girls' gymnastics team finished with a 3-9 dual record, defeating Tee Jay with 71.427; Tech, 64.45; Ryan, 44.17. They placed 14th in the Metro tournament with a score of 54.09 and placed sixth in the district meet with 68.85.

All-around performers were junior Teresa Haugen and sophomore Kari Sigerson. Coach Pete Studenski presented the award for outstanding performer to Haugen.

Letter winners were seniors Cindy Willie and Joni Kerndt; juniors Denise Fleming, Tami Dutch, Tami Whitney and Haugen; sophomores Kathy Prem and Sigerson; and freshman Marsha Heaton.

Coach Studenski said, "I think the girls have really improved a lot. We got high scores, and I think we'll do even better next year."

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS. FRONT ROW: J. Kerndt, C. Willie, M. Heaton, K. Sigerson, T. Dutch, T. Haugen. BACK ROW: T. Barr, T. Husak, D. Fleming, T. Teague, L. Sheehy, K. Babb, T. Whitney, M. Gabriel, D. Walpus, G. Wimberly.

Six qualify for state; fifth in Metro

The girls' tennis team finished its 6-3 season with six girls qualifying for the state meet in Lincoln on May 18-19.

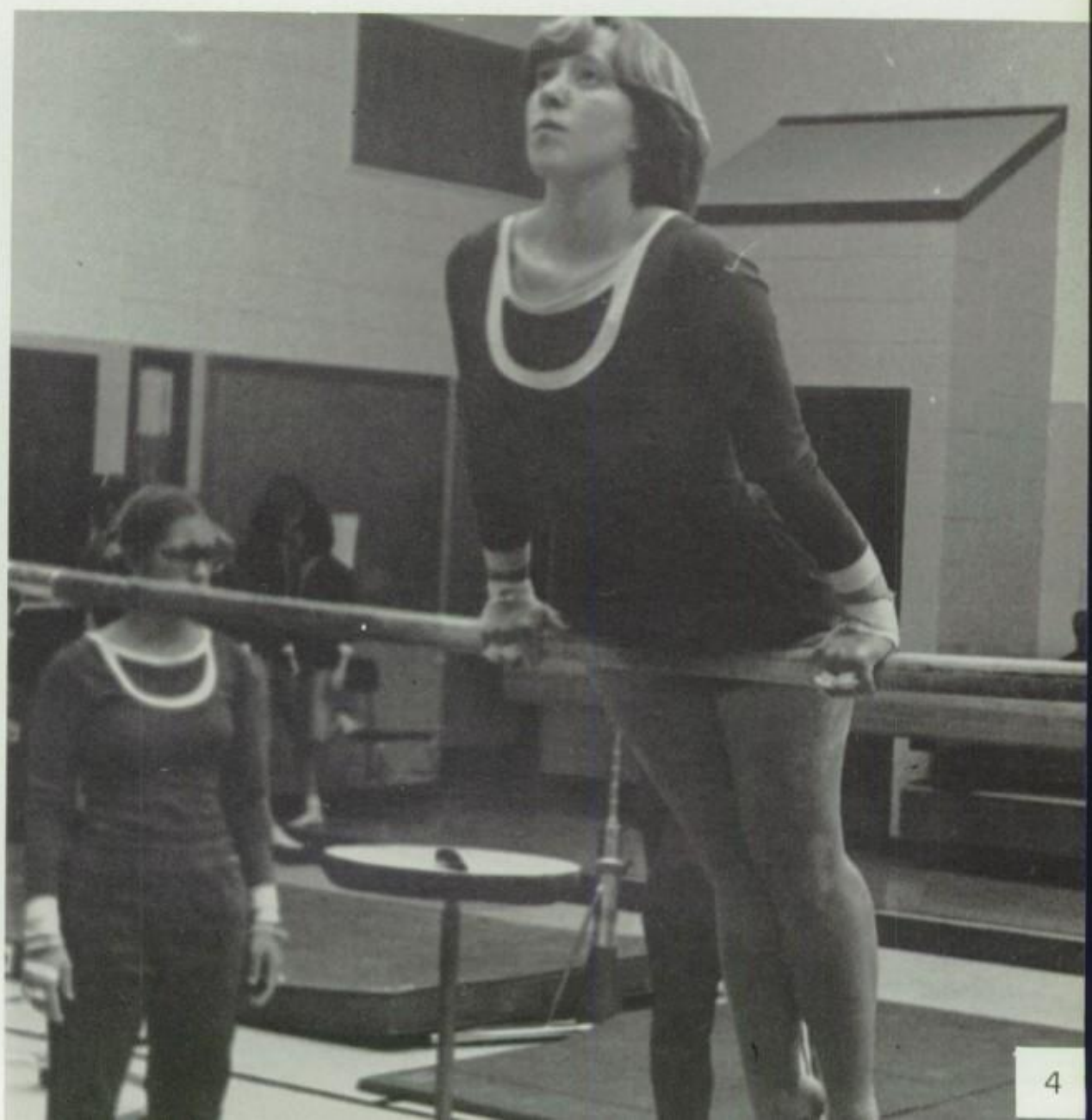
The #1 doubles team of seniors Lisa Burianek and Sandy Senter advanced to the state semi-finals before falling to the team from Columbus.

Others going to state were the #2 doubles team of junior Barb Hacker and sophomore Kathy Heires, and singles players, juniors Karen Kowal and Denise Fleming.

"I was very satisfied with the outcome—particularly with such a young and inexperienced team," said coach Garry Jurgens. "The girls not only finished third in their division of the Metro, but also won fifth in the Metro tourney."

Letter winners for the season were seniors Burianek, Senter and Theresa Goblirsch, juniors Kowal, Hacker, Fleming, Shirley Walla and Lori Nelson, and sophomores Heires, Cheryl Reiff and Leann Smith.

GIRLS' TENNIS. FRONT ROW: T. Husak, D. Shaul, S. Drost, T. Cvitak. BOW 2: D. Whalen, K. Ipson, S. Walla, L. Nelson, T. Goblirsch, K. Lind. BACK ROW: D. Fleming, B. Hacker, coach G. Jurgens, S. Senter, C. Reiff, L. Burianek, K. Kowal, K. Heires, L. Smith.



Girls' track sends nine to state meet

The Ralston girls' track team completed its season with a dual record of 9-0, placing first in both the Peru Invitational and the Ram Relays. The girls also finished third in the Bellevue Invitational, the Metro meet, and the district meet.

The team had nine state qualifiers, with junior Mary Fowler taking first in the 440-yard dash at state; sophomore Leslie Johnson, fourth in shot put; and the team of seniors Ronda Newman, Joan Kerndt, and Fowler and sophomore Lisa Malone, third in the mile relay. The 20 points tallied by the girls was enough for a seventh place finish.

Others participating at state were seniors Diane Schutz, Stacie Kelly, Paula Hymans, and sophomore Laura Hopkins.

Eleven school records were set during the year. Coach Doug McLaughlin cited sophomore Susy Madsen as the most inspirational member; Kelly, most valuable; Fowler, most valuable runner, and Johnson, most valuable infield.

The freshman girls' team, coached by Ann Fulkerson, finished with an 8-0 record, winning the Millard Invitational and the conference meet.

VARSITY TRACK. FRONT ROW: D. Schutz, M. Fowler, R. Newman, S. Kelly, P. Johnson, S. Gray, L. Trede, L. Hopkins. ROW 2: student manager D. Engle, P. Hymans, K. Smith, T. Haugen, J. Kerndt, C. Willie, K. Malone, L. Mock, R. Bruening, L. Johnson, A. Schipper. ROW 3: C. Medlin, A. Gero, K. Welliver, L. Malone, M. Collins, S. Madsen, B. Barr, B. Bradshaw, D. Bartz. BACK ROW: coach T. Seastedt, coach D. McLaughlin.

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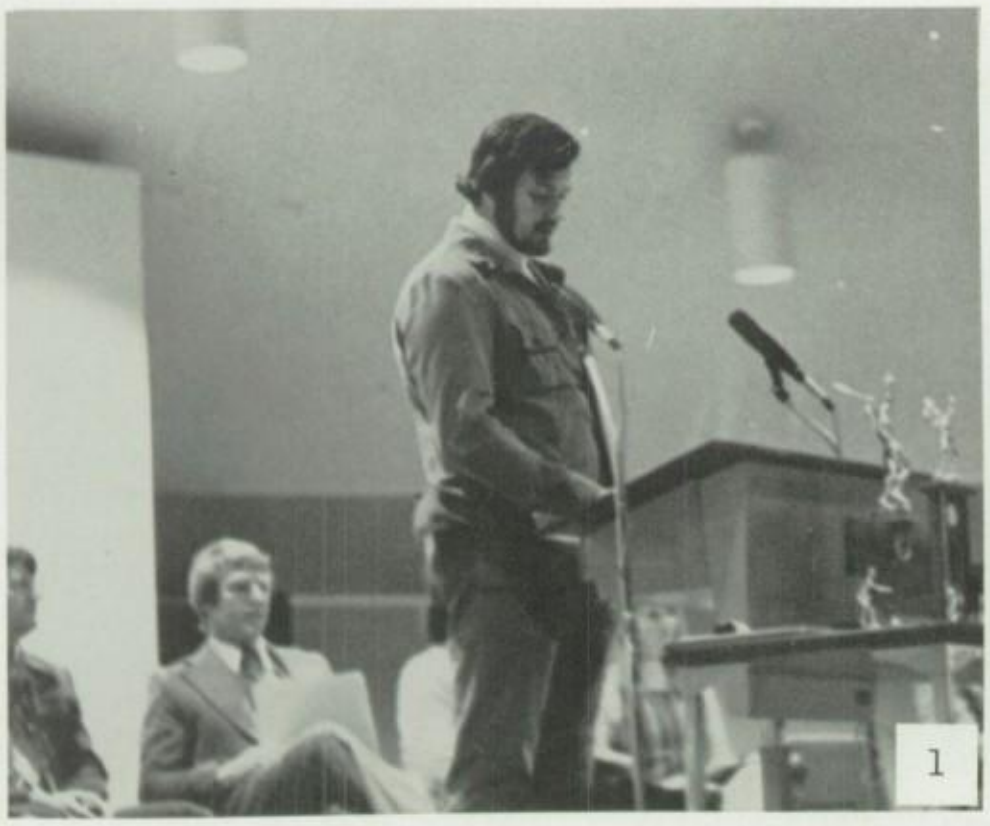
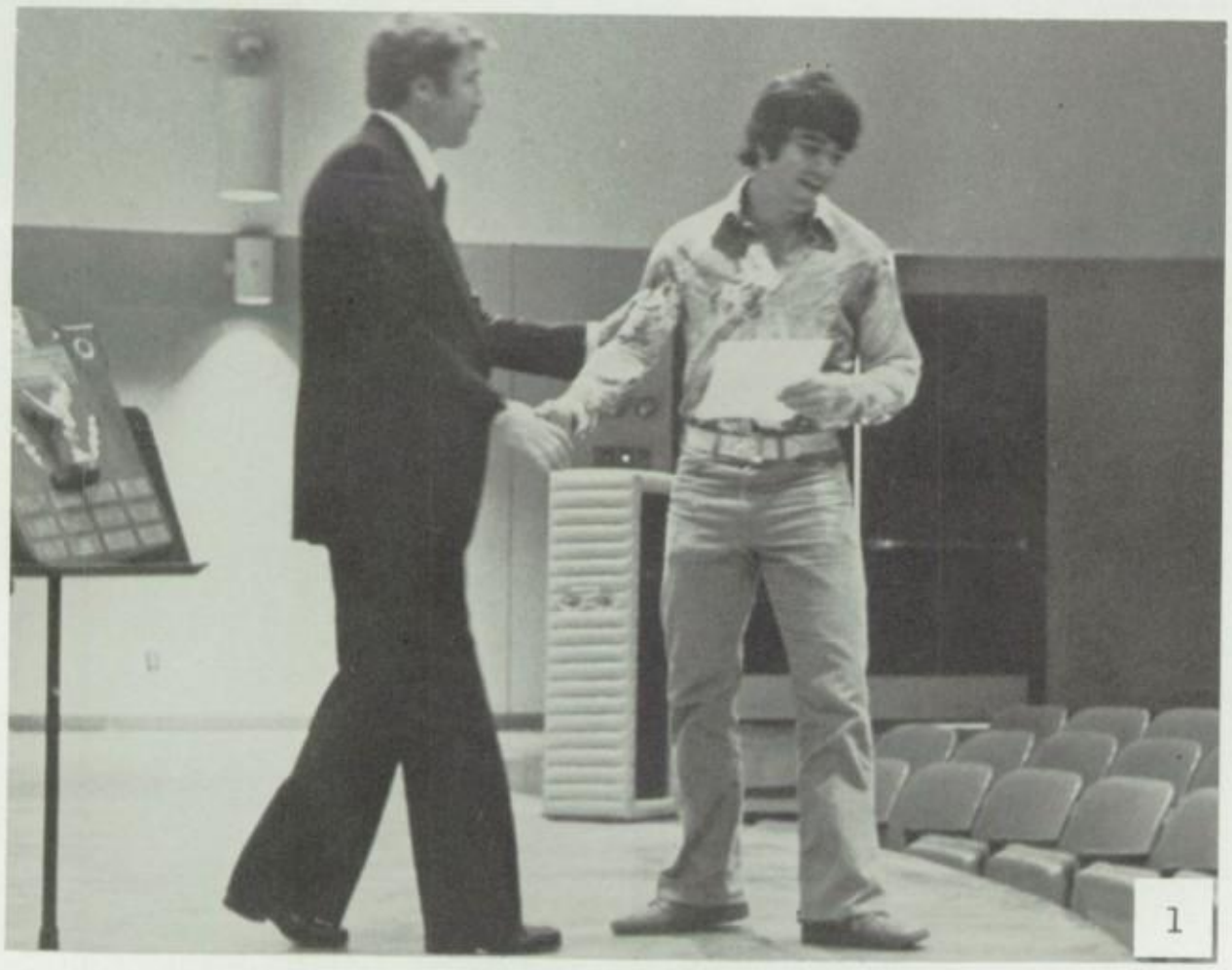
(1) Sophomore Mary Collins finishes her last lap at the 440 relay. (2) Junior Kim Malone strides to the finish line after the two-mile run. (3) Junior Lori Trede jumps hurdles at a home meet against Papillion and Burke.

FRESHMAN TRACK. FRONT ROW: C. Adams, R. Herron, S. Woster, S. Zurek, S. Kranz, K. Babb, S. Storm, M. Gabriel. ROW 2: L. Linse, L. Houck, Z. Tucker, K. Wells, K. Olson, C. VanFossen, D. Kelley, coach A. Fulkerson, K. Nyquist. BACK ROW: S. Morey, L. Carl, R. Peterson, L. Stodola, C. Daly, S. Williams.



(1) Coach Larry Hill prepares to announce freshman Diane Whalen as outstanding girls' swimmer. (2) Coach Tom Bodzek announces the freshman track team. (3) Coach Todd Seastedt receives his plaque from the girls' basketball team.

Athletes recognized on three nights



Athletes were honored during the year at three separate awards programs, Nov. 22 for fall sports, March 21, winter, and May 16, spring.

In the fall, freshman Diane Whalen was honored as outstanding in girls' swimming, senior Courty Monroe, in cross country; seniors Gigi Fry and Mary Slovek, girls' golf, seniors Mike Karstens and Mark Anderson and junior Jeff Anderson, boys' golf; and senior Dean Gute and junior Randy Jostes, in football. Senior Rich Watson was cited as the most inspirational football player.

In the winter, senior Dave Marr was recognized for wrestling, senior Paula Hymans, for girls' basketball; Karstens, boys' basketball, and junior Mike Randolf, swimming.

Honored at the spring night were senior Al Rotella, baseball; Jostes, track; Hymans, girls' track; and senior Lisa Burianek, tennis.

(1) Senior Al Rotella receives the most valuable player award from baseball coach Deloss Smith. (2) Coach Joyce Roeschke reports on the freshman girls' basketball team. (3) Coach Pete Studenski congratulates sophomore Tony Schlemmer as outstanding boys' gymnastics performer.

underclass

How is communicating important to. . .underclass?

"Communicating is the exchange of thoughts or ideas. Our generation is he generation of the future and by communicating we can uplift thoughts nd ideas, which will improve our world and our way of life."

GINA ILTZSCH

"Communication is the key to friendship and other relationships that are ade as underclassmen. It is the elements of those relationships that become e basis of future experiences."

CHRIS LOCKMON

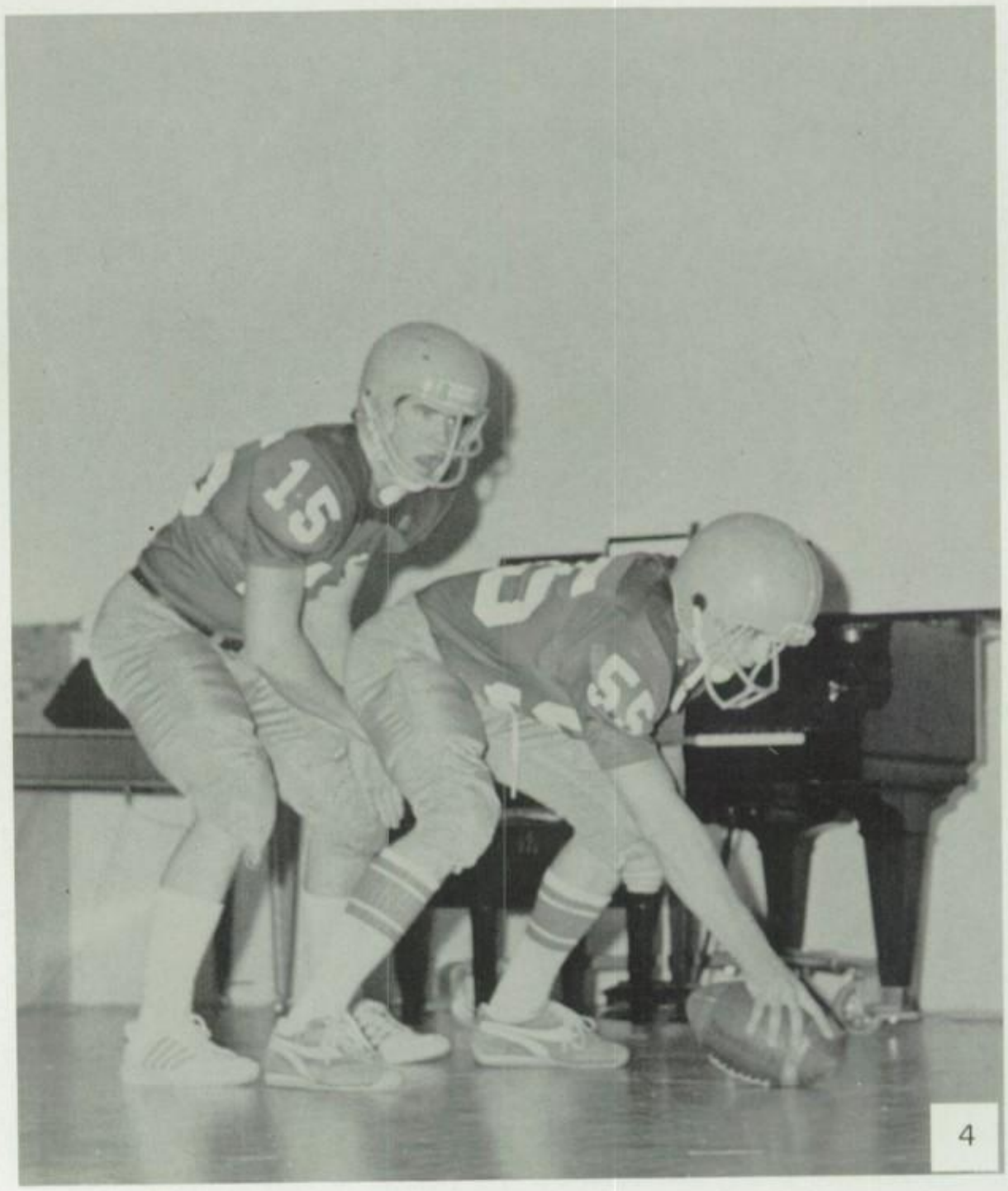
"High School is a relatively carefree time of life, and communicating makes it so much easier to get along with your friends; for without communication, one finds it hard to acquire friends."

PETE JENSEN

"Communicating is important to all people because it is probably their most used (yet least practiced) skill. People are communicating either consciously or unconsciously at every moment of their lives."

DAVE LUDWIG

Underclass participates in special activities



(1) Junior Kim Schrader and sophomore Annette Wrinkle do their assignment for biology class. (2) Kim Freemyer and Gail Toft, juniors, prepare to cheer on varsity matmen. (3) Junior Michelle Fideline looks over her campaign speech while juniors Greg Emshoff and Becky Staab prepare posters for Michelle's try at DECA vice-president. (4) Ron Stevens and Chris Lee, juniors, do their football skit for the A.A. Review.

(1) Sophomore Laurie Kealy (right) goes through her "worried mother" routine with upperclassman Johnny Rock, senior Steve Gibbs, at the March 3 A.A. Review. (2) Tom Conway, Jon Talamante and Scott Cortese, freshmen, bring down a T.J. ball carrier while teammate Ken Riddle looks on. (3) Freshman Ross Burkhalter takes a break from his studies in the math IMC. (4) Paul Rea, sophomore, is about to make his decision in a case for an experiment while junior Cheryl Caulfield awaits the outcome.

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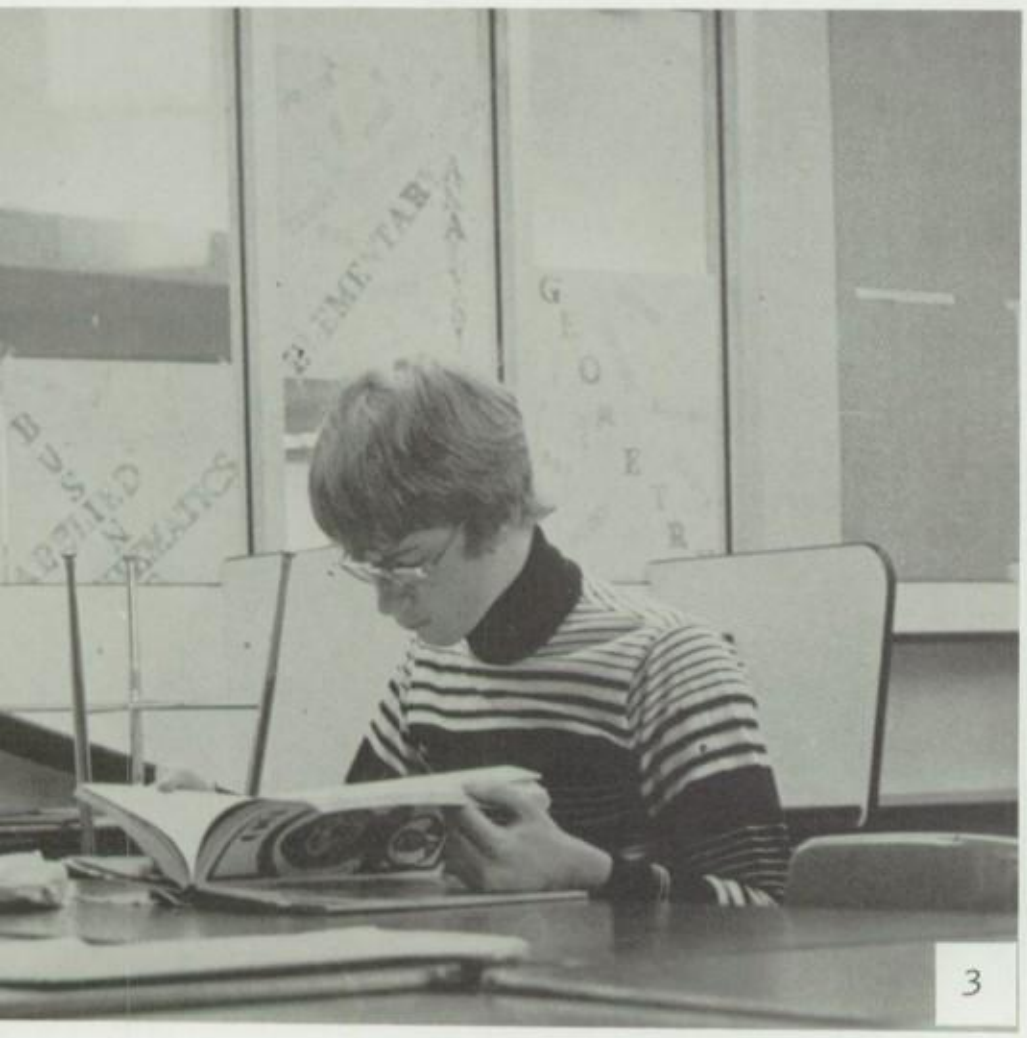

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Underclassmen

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John Allen
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Greg Anderson

Richard Anthis
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David Anttila
Denise Apperson
Rick Arfmann
Robert Atherton
Kellie Babb

Gerald Baggett
Dean Bailey
Jacqueline Baillargeon
Deborah Bambini
Jenny Barnes
Debra Barr
Kathleen Barr

Tammy Barr
James Barry
Steven Beideck
Leslie Belitz
Andrew Bellus
Carole Bena
Robert Berneman

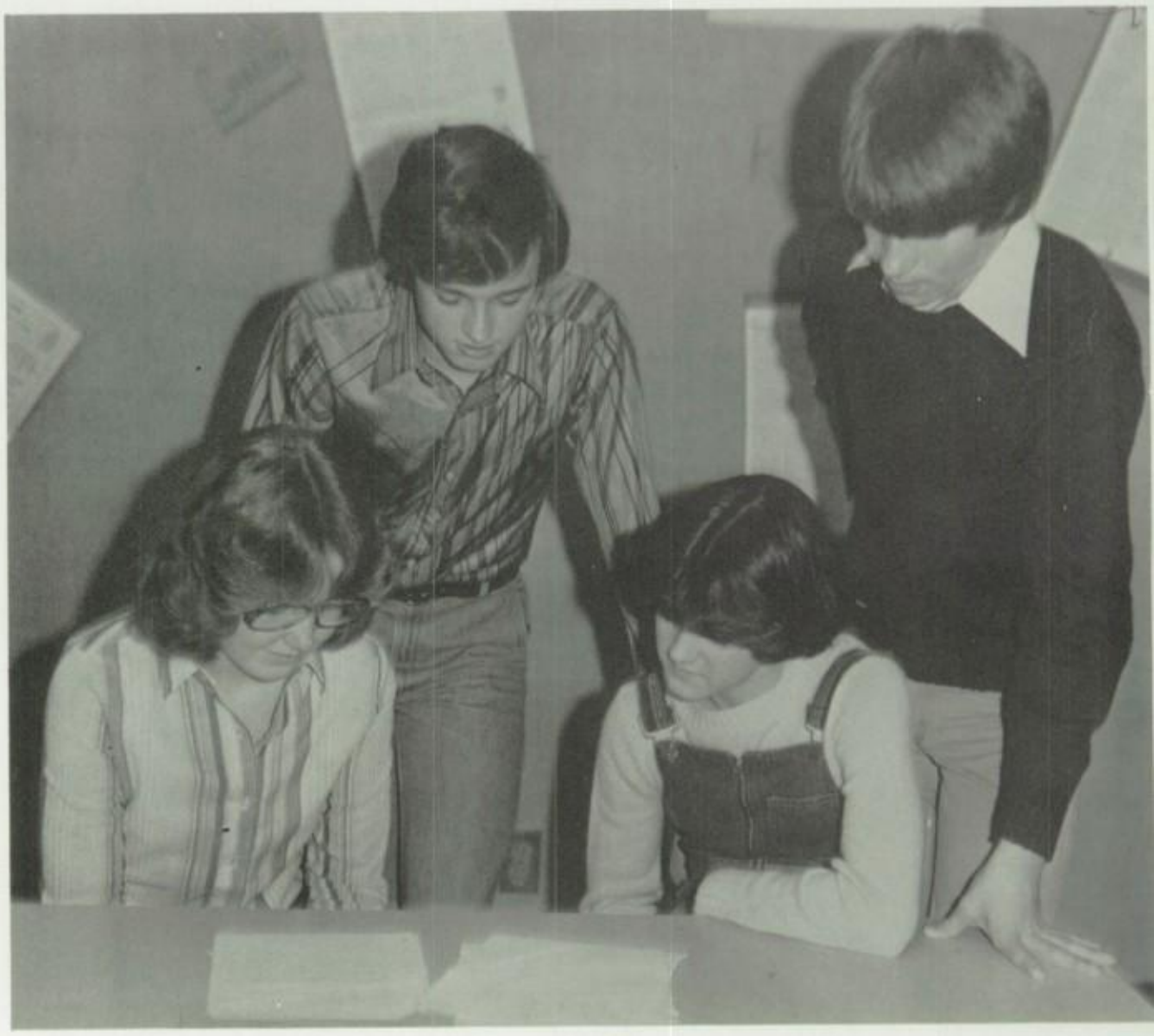
Tour of Omaha proves educational

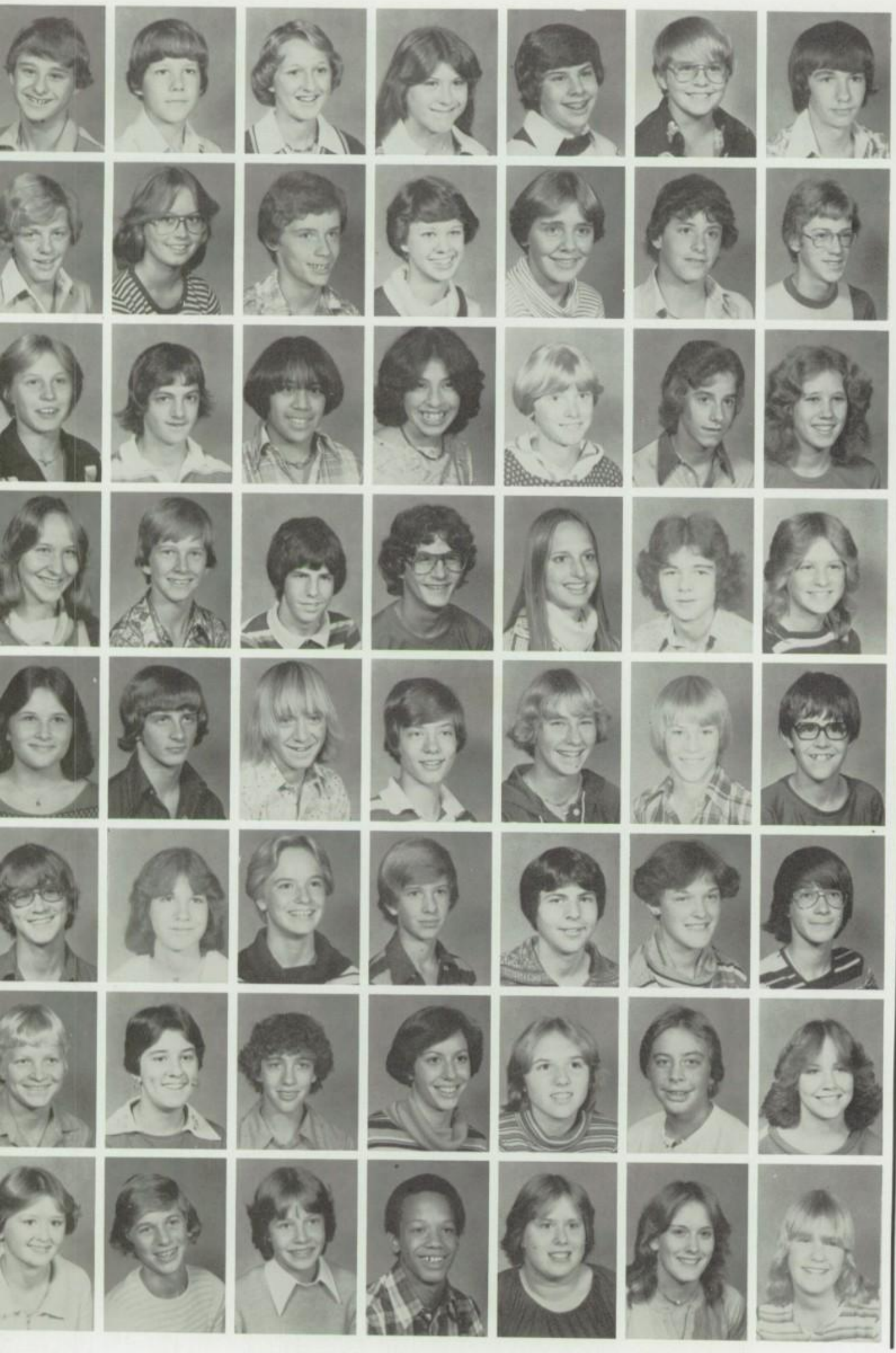
Ralston's 1977-78 freshman class was the largest ever in Ralston High history. The class had a total of 388 students.

Frosh spirit earned the class a fourth place at the annual mock olympics. Standouts for the events included Jon Talamante and Scott Cortese in the egg toss for the boys' competition, and Barb McLaughlin and Joan Rundall in the girls' competition.

A tour of Omaha proved to be beneficial to the freshmen as they learned some history and visited some of Omaha's interesting sights.

Class officers for the freshman class are Rae Peterson, secretary; Perry Wiseman, vice president; Mary Herman, treasurer; and Mark Pool, president.





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Michael Burdette
Ross Burkhalter

Phyllis Burrell
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Linda Carl
Michael Carlentine
Kelly Carnes

Darcy Carpenter
Steven Carroll
Timothy Caulfield
Christopher Cavalieri
Joyce Chadwell
Scott Chin
Sandra Christensen

Christine Clark
James Clark
Orval Clark
Louis Clyde
Lori Coleman
Thomas Collins
James Connor

Tom Conway
Leslie Cooper
Barbara Copenhaver
Craig Coppersmith
Scott Cortese
Patricia Couture
Matthew Cross

Dale Culbertson
Christine Curran
William Curtis
Teresa Cvitak
Patti Dady
David Dailey
Sherri Dalgleish

Colleen Daly
Mark Daly
Deidre Dame
Dana Davenport
Rose Davis
Sandra Dear
Diane Deman

Freshmen

Kimberle Dohse
Emil Dorcak
Shawn Dormer
Tammy Dorough
Russell Dowland
Christine Dreith
Shelly Drost

Laurie Dueling
Scott Dugger
Sherry Duncan
Tammy Durae
Ann Dwornicki
Patrick Eccles
Lori Ann Edwards

Joseph Eischeid
Scott Elsasser
Jeff Enfield
Kerrin Engle
Wendy Sue Evans
Shawn Farrell
Mike Fernen

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William Fowler
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Thomas Fucinaro
Mary Gabriel
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Mark Gelecki
Dominic Gillen

Dale Gilmore
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Kimberly Glismann
David Goldsmith
Angela Grabowski

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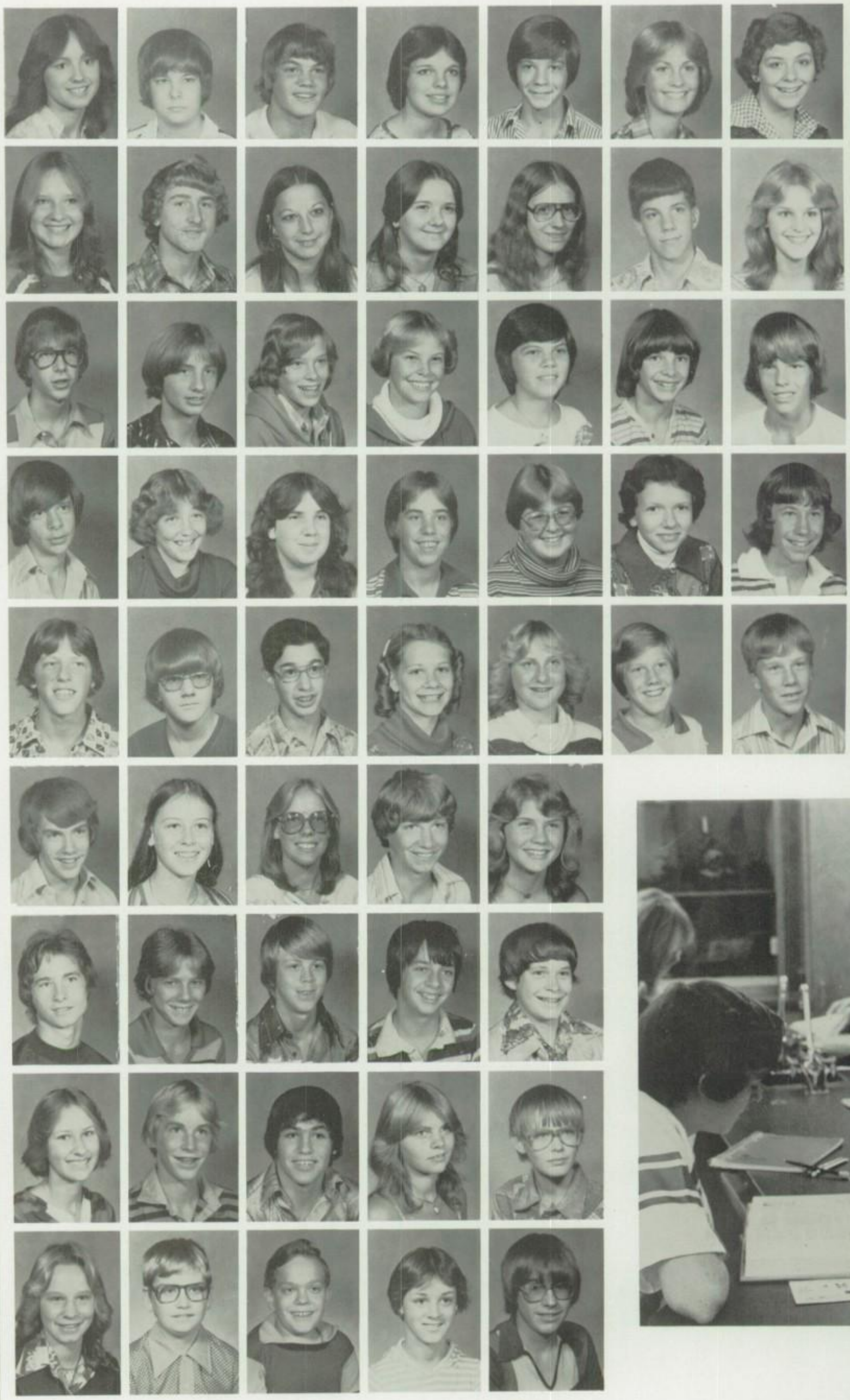

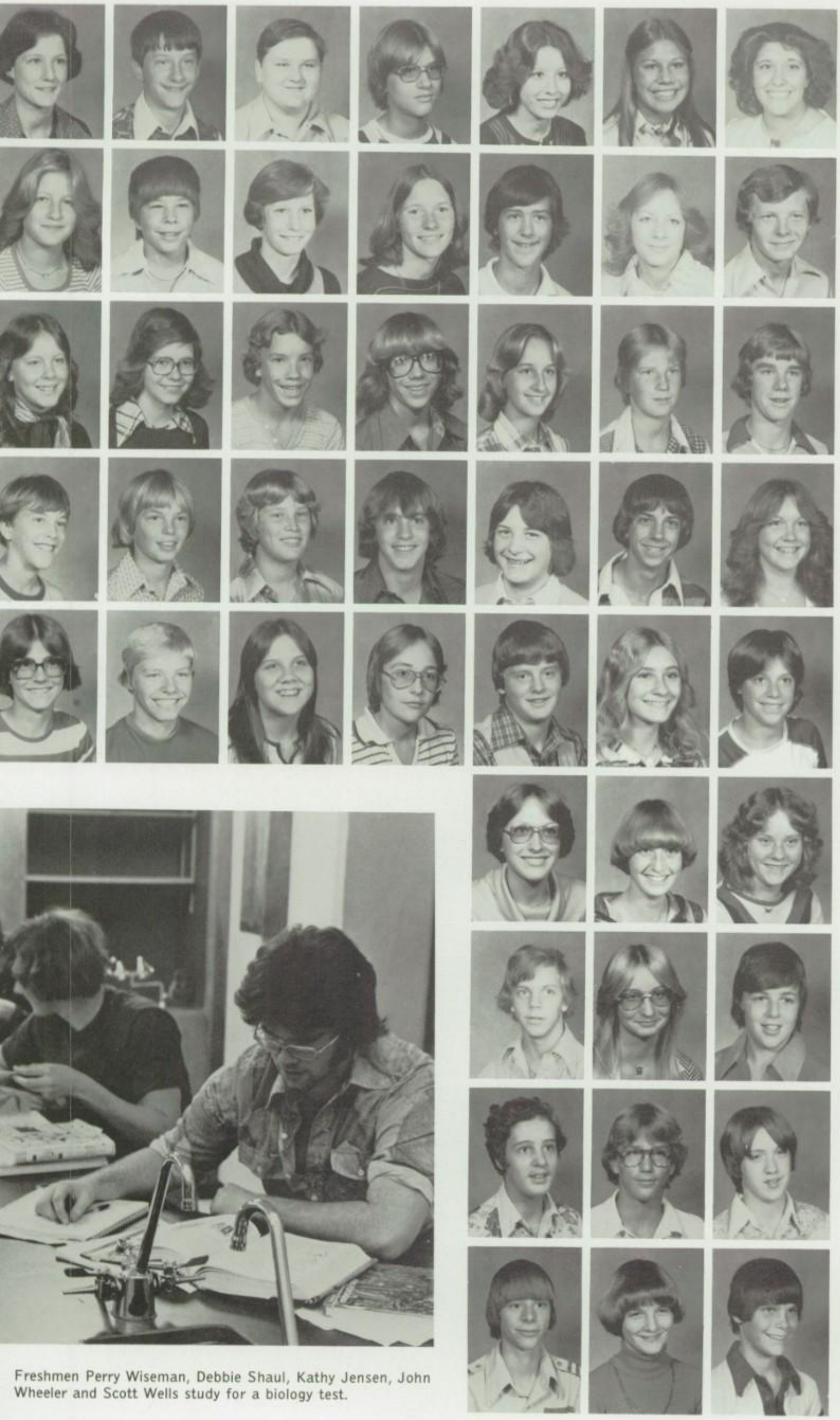

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Mark Jorgensen

Debra Kaipus
Maria Kealy
Debbie Keavy

John Keearns
Diana Kelley
Harold Kenney

Leroy Kesans
Dan Ketcham
Von King

Erin Klein
Tina Kohout
Nicholas Kopcho

Freshmen Perry Wiseman, Debbie Shaul, Kathy Jensen, John Wheeler and Scott Wells study for a biology test.

Leonard Kozeny
Connie Krambeck
Sheryl Kranz

Steven Krieger
Penny Kuhl
Gina Kuhn

Leanne Kullenberg
Dawn Lamb
Michael Lane

Ronald LaRosa
Doug Larson
Nancy Larson

Patricia Larson
Ricky Larson
Debbie Lawless

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Terri Lynn Legge
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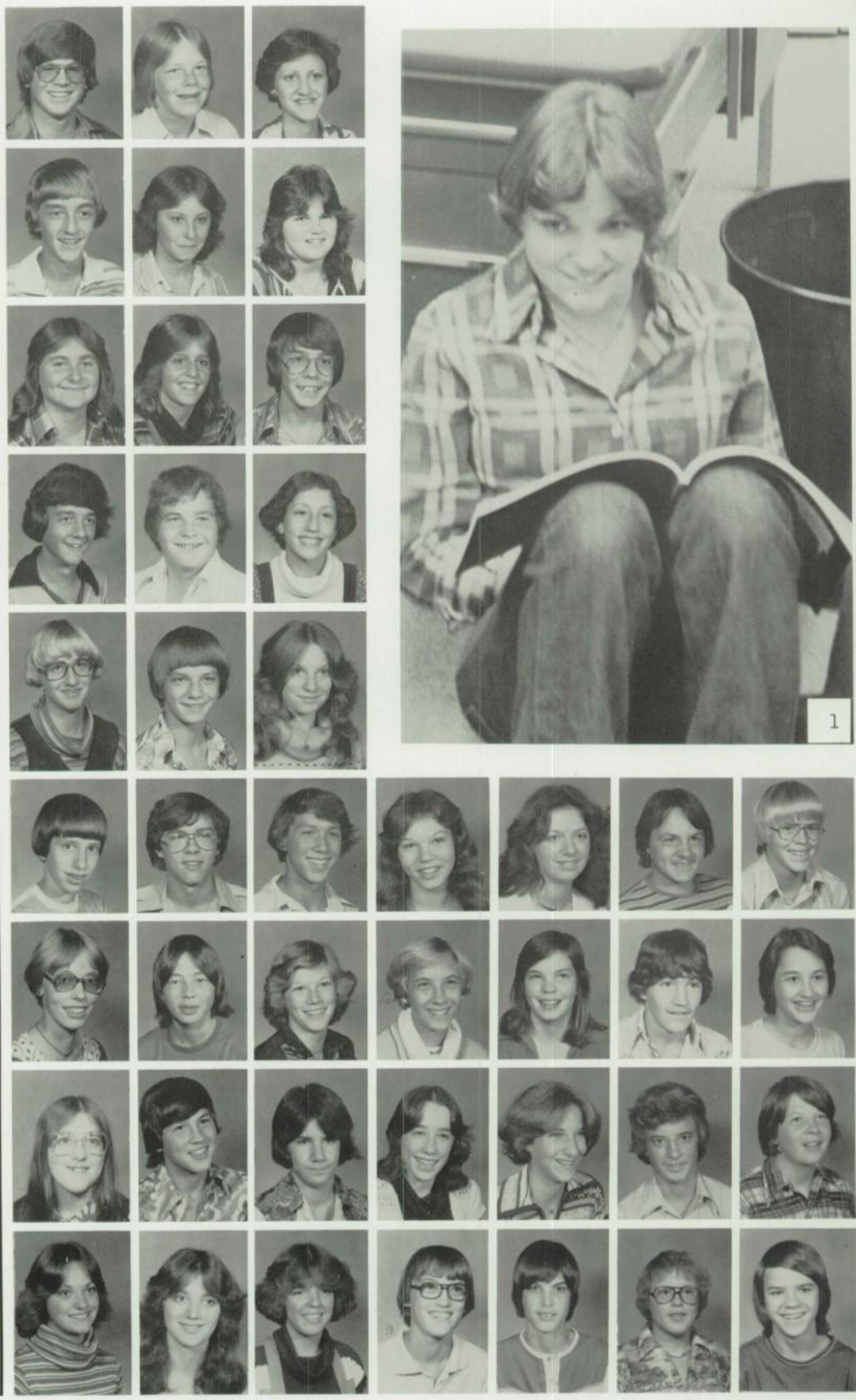

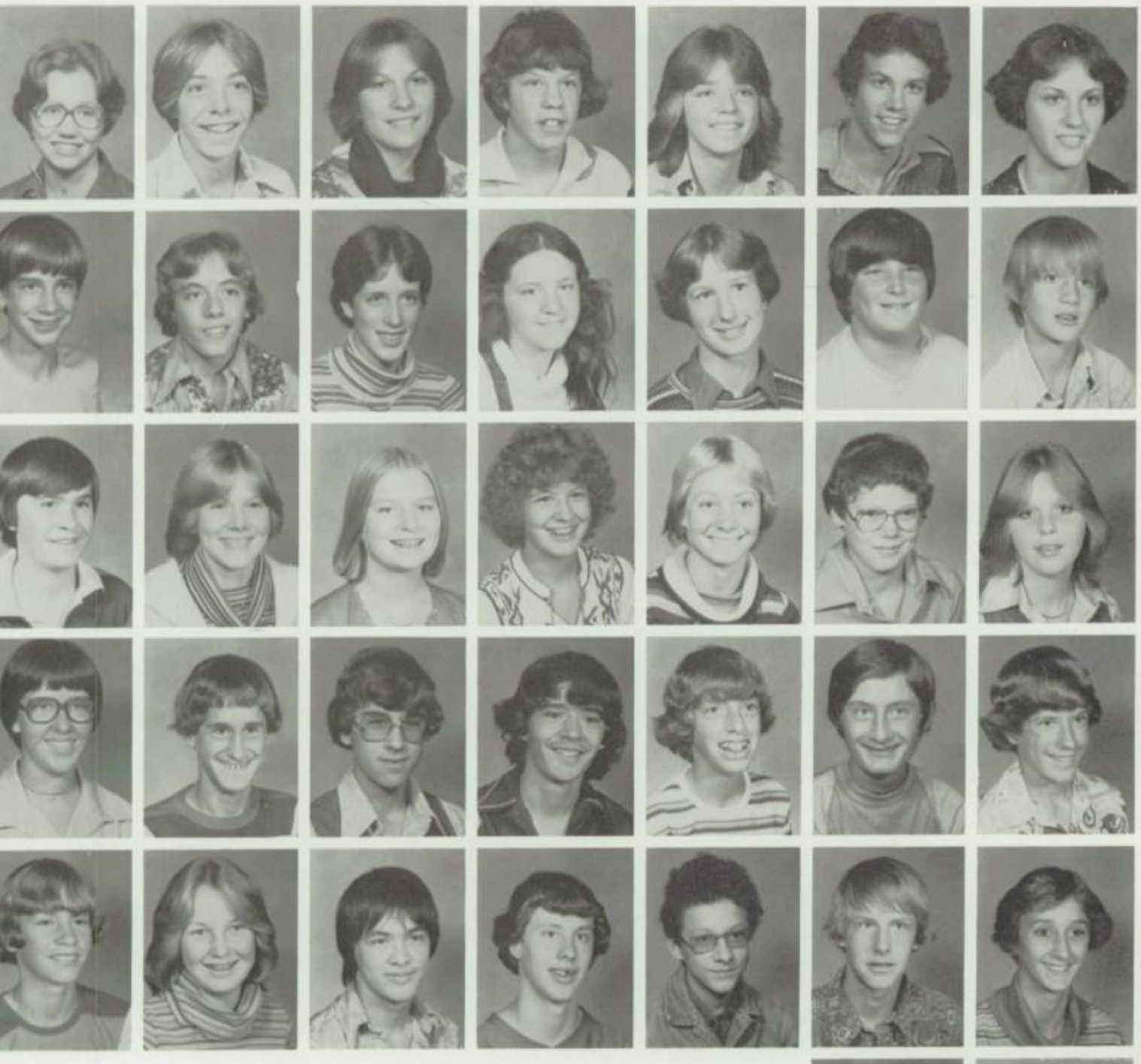

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John Nissen
Vernon Noffke

Jim Novotny
Kelly Nyquist
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Kevin Perry
Rae Peterson
Mark Pigman
Tim Pilakowski
Michael Pilege
Jerry Pohl
Carla Politano

Mark Pool
Peggy Porter

Tim Pounds
Paul Pritchard

Jodi Radicia
John Randolph

(1) Freshman Barb McLaughlin participates in group discussion in English class. (2) Freshmen Leanne Kullenburg, Joyce Chadwell and Diane Whalen participate in French class.

Robert Rankin
Bob Rasmussen
Karl Rasmussen
Pamela Rasmussen
Thomas Rea
Bernard Rezek
Ken Riddle

Robert Ringberg
Marlin Ritzman
Tammi Roads
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Christine Rogers
Michael Rudolph
Vicki Ruhga

Joan Rundall
Richard Runnels
Jean Rutten
Jacqueline Ryan
Tamara Ryan
Bruce Saab
Steven Sadler

Kevin Sanborn
Kimberly Sapienza
Michelle Schiffbauer
Lisa Schlaht
Patricia Schliesser
Judy Schmitt
Carrie Schneider

Lori Seewald
Christine Sestak
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Lisa Sheehy
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Mari Shields
Frank Shively
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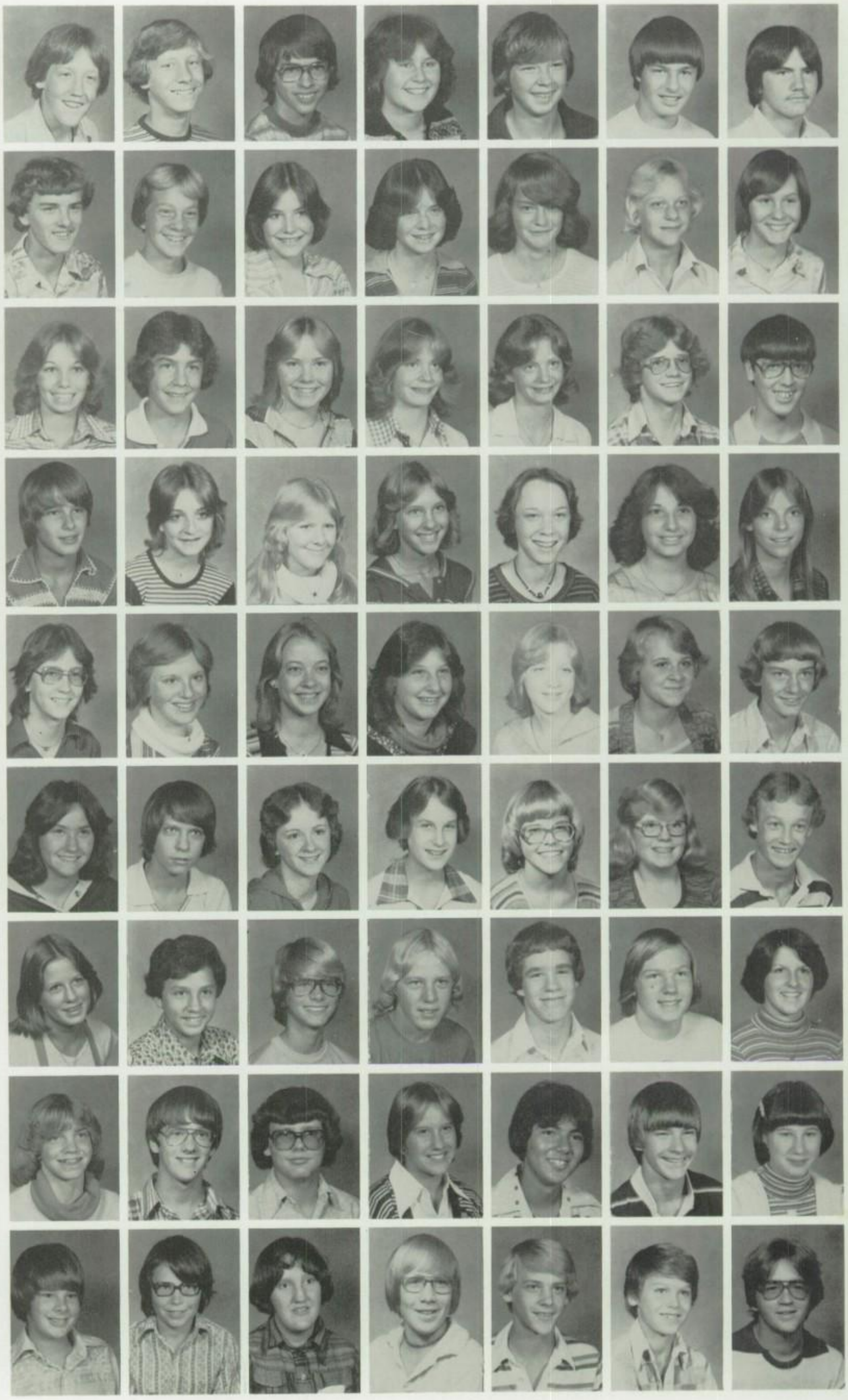

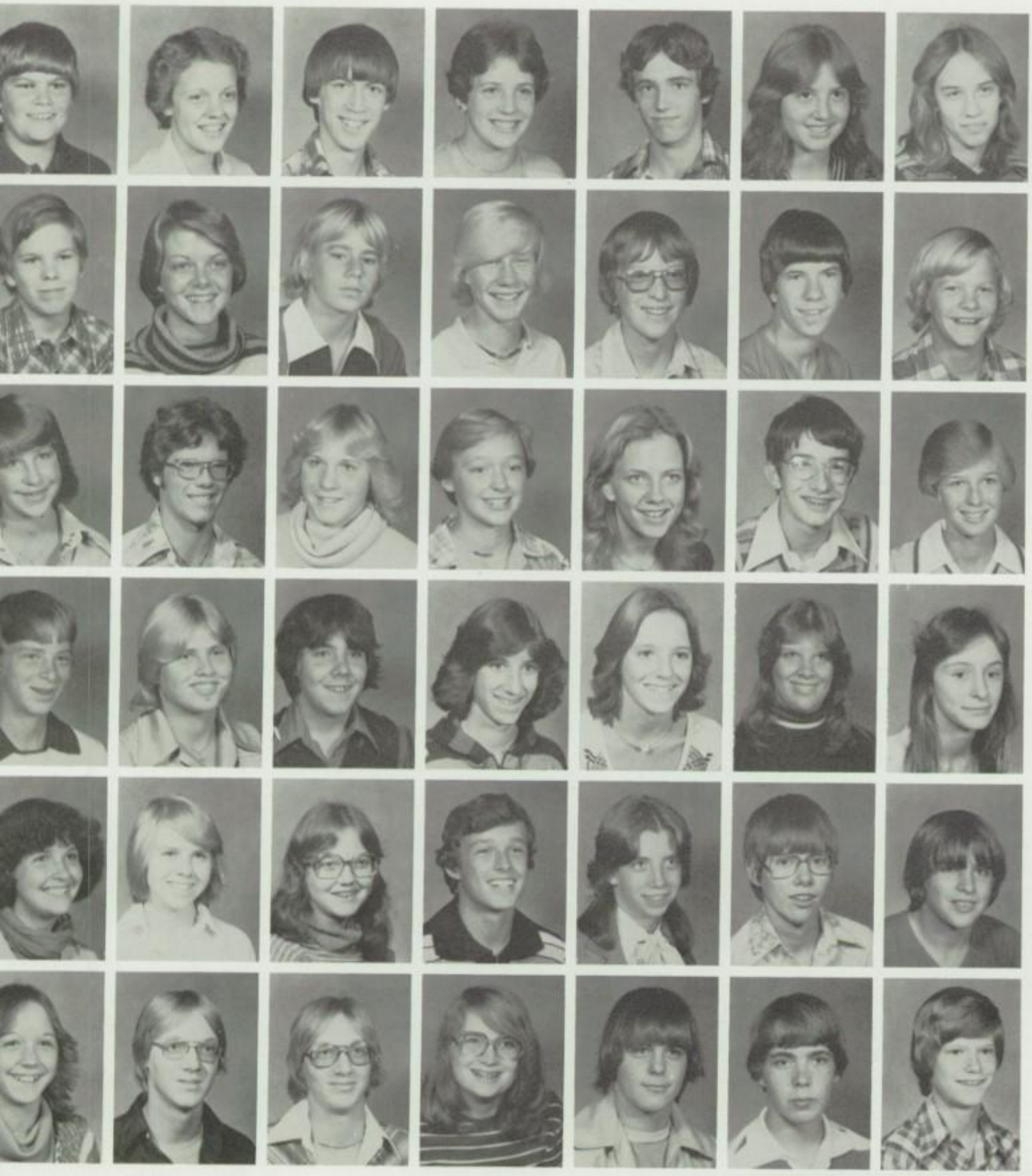

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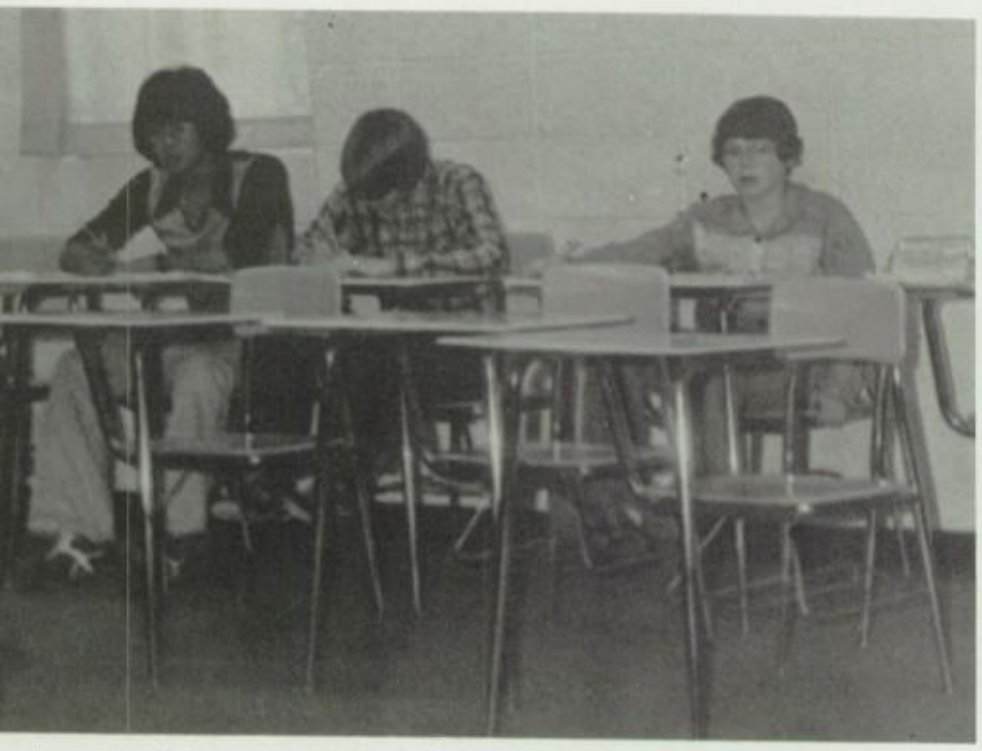

reshmen Jon Talamante, Jeff Grosvenor and Shawn Overman take notes for an
ocoming test in English class.

Carmen Collins heads sophomores; group wins third in annual event

Class officers for the sophomores were Carmen Collins, president; Al Shanmugam, vice president; Laurie Kealy, secretary; and Jeff Schuman, treasurer.

Participating in the annual Homecoming activities, the class of '80 finished in third place in the RHS mock olympics. They also finished with a third place in the gym decorating contest.

Head sponsor for the sophomore class was Mr. Wally Sommers. Others were Mr. James Hinze, Mrs. Karen Frerichs, Mr. William Novak, and Mrs. Patricia Cortese.

The 1978 Student Council members were Teresa Teague, Paula Landers, Teri Simchuk, Paul Rea, Renee Schroeder and Shelly Nemec.

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Sherry Adams
Angie Allison
Cheryl Anderson
Kristine Anderson
Scott Applegate
Larry Baggett
Caroline Baillargeon

Shari Baker
Lisa Bally
Sonya Barber
Joseph Barone
Beth Barr
Diane Bartz
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Debra Bietz
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Suzanne Brehmer
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David Carter
Robin Caskey
Dale Cherek
Joseph Chickinell
Patrick Cirian
Peggy Clark

Tammy Clark
Shellie Cleveland
Pamela Cline
Carmen Collins
Mary Collins
Darla Conner
Sheryl Cook

Stephanie Couch
Dawn Cox
Kevin Cox
Michael Cumberland
Catherine Cvitak
Laurie Dailey
Kent Daugherty

Charles Davis
Frank Davis
Paula Lee Davis
Chris Denny
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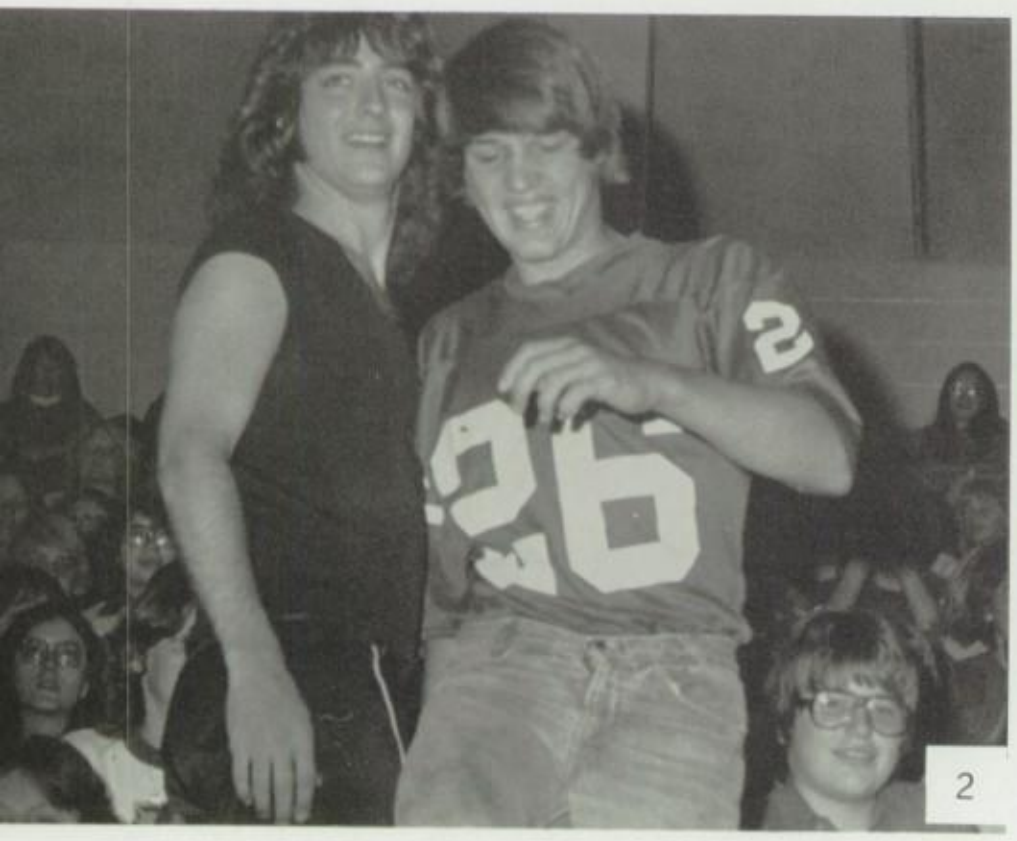

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(1) Sophomores Colleen Macaitis and Stan Holland work on their pottery in Ms. Ginny Grogan's art class. (2) The band leader of "Free Fair" explains the "Star Wars" skit to sophomore Dave Wilken.

Sophomores

Mitzi Freberg
Katherine Fry
Ron Fucinaro
Dave Gallegos
Mark Garnatz
Lori Gates
Gordon Gerbholtz

Amy Gero
Tracy Gibbons
Mark Gilliland
Ann Goblirsch
Monica Godsey
Jody Golden
Donna Goodman

Ila Graves
Janet Gray
Judith Green
Steve Gregory
Jayne Grote
Michael Grothe
Mark Gustas

Keith Guthrie
Gayle Guyott
Gary Haas
Sandra Haffke
Michael Hambright
Ricky Hamilton
Yvonne Hamilton

Brian Handrick
Randy Harder
Jeffrey Harral
Kirk Harrison
David Hatton
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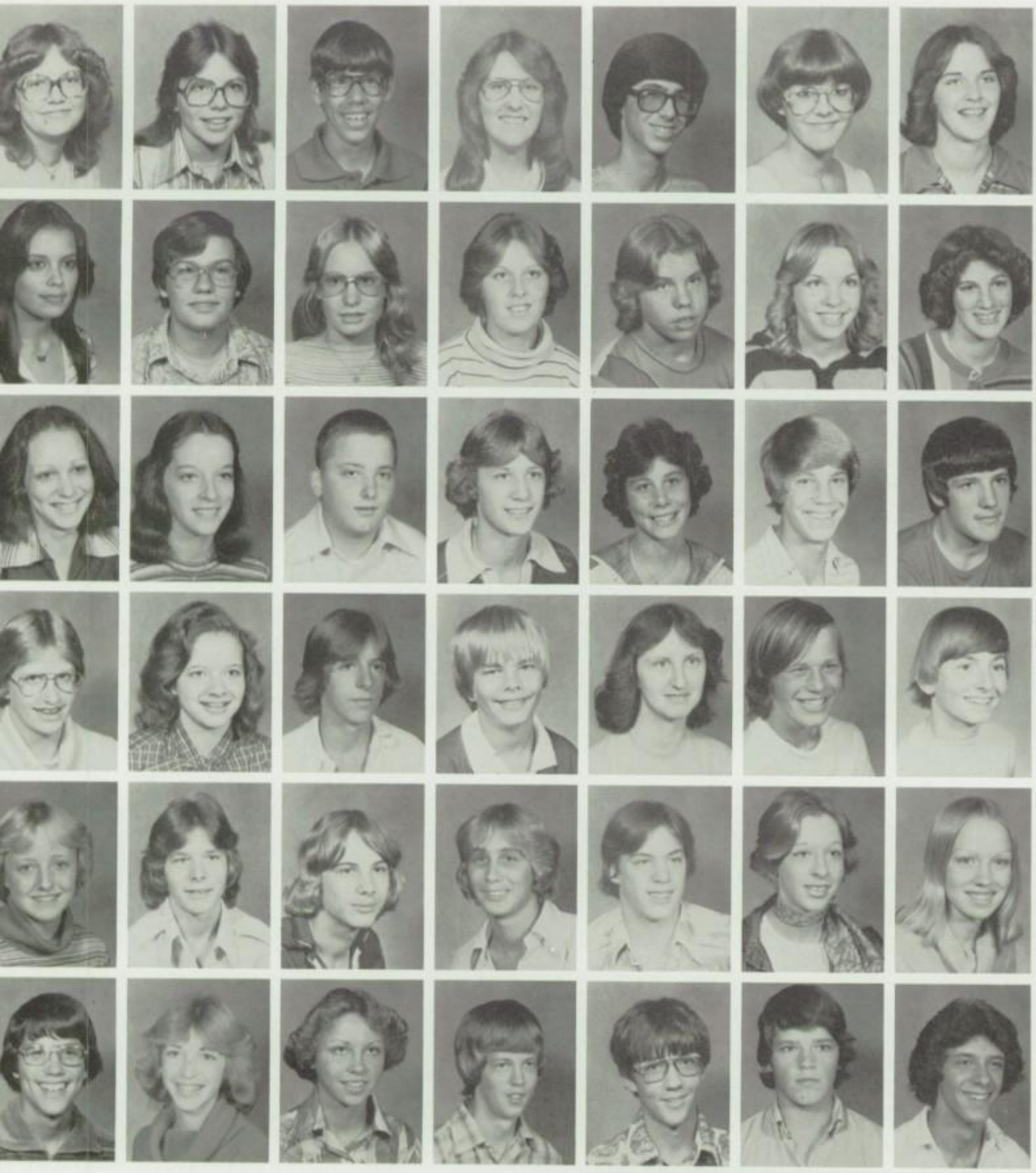

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Kenneth Kellner
Kimberly Kellner
Kimberly Kenney

Molly Kerwin
Laura Kinner
James Kleager
Micheal Kleveter
Kolleen Kopfle
Hal Kronberg
Gregory Kuhn

Carrie Lafferty
Paula Landers
John Lee
Dean Lemburg
Shari Lewis
Gary Lincoln
Rick Lincoln

Cathy Lind
Scott Logue
Chris Lorence
Ken Lorence
Chad Lowary
Suzy Ludeman
Dianne Ludemann

David Ludwig
Susan Madsen
Lisa Malone
Robert Manders
Jeffery Marasco
James Marek
Mike Markoff

Sherry Mass
Jeff McCain
Lauren McCracken

Robert McDowell
Vicki McGuire
Boyd McNerney

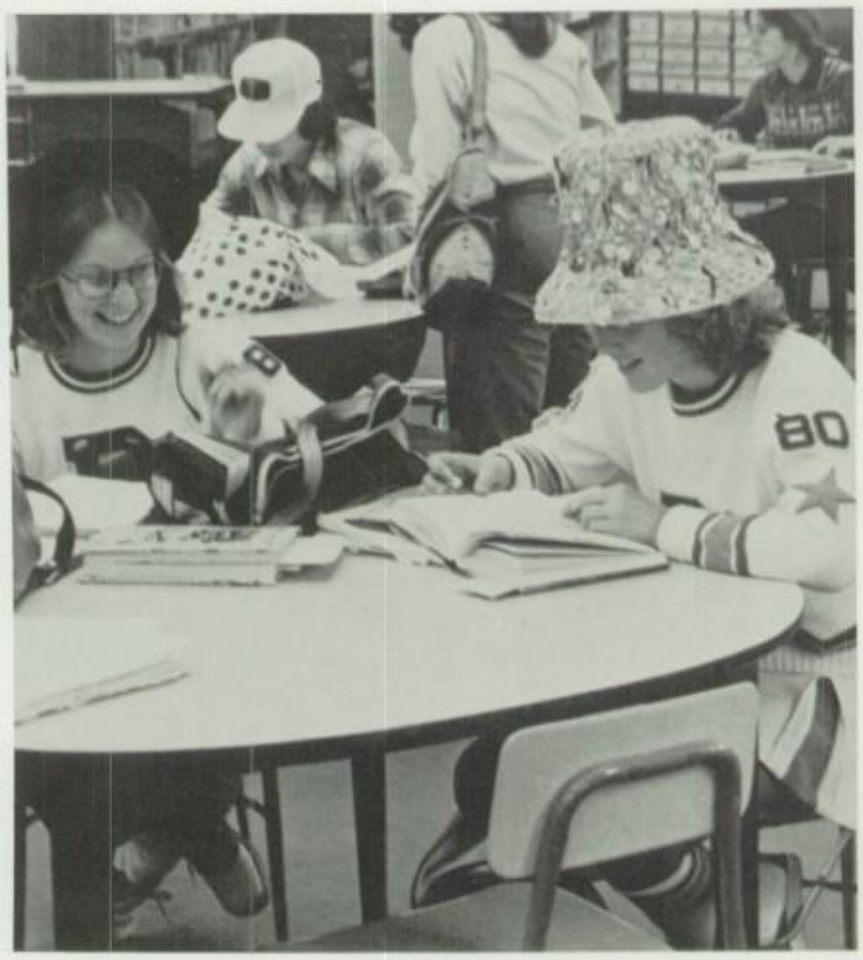
Sophomores watch a varsity basketball game at Ralston.

Jenny McVey
Connie Medlin
Susan Meehan

James Melcher
Thomas Mensik
Patrick Merolla

Dave Meyer
Kathleen Miller
Michelle Monestro

Teresa Mullin
Mark Music
Mary Jo Myers



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Delwin Nelson
Shelli Nemec
Tracy Newcomer
Teresa Neyman
Carol Nienke
Brice Noffke

Morey Norton
Matt Nuss
Patricia Ondracek
Willy Pancake
Jerry Pape
Craig Parrot
Tammy Parsons

Susan Paul
Janet Pearson
Elizabeth Peterson
Steven Peterson
Mike Pigman
Renee Pope
Michael Popp

Chad Postma
Linda Pote
Glen Powell
Timothy Pratt
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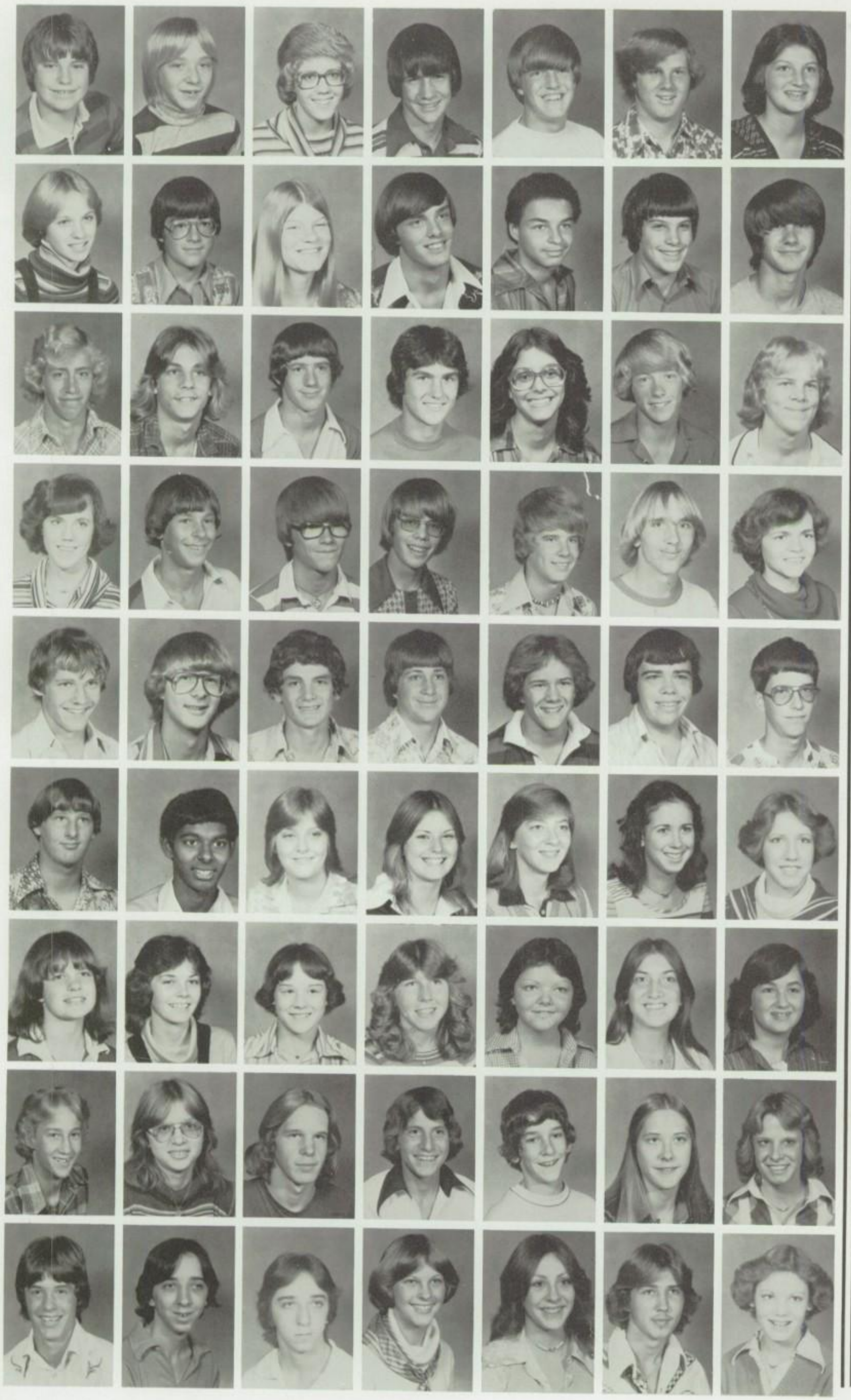
John Rausch



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Bruce Retzlaff
Scott Rezek
Dan Richardson
Jayne Rosenthal

Denise Rue
Thad Ruhl
Jodie Running
David Rutherford
Dave Rutten
Timothy Ryan
Keith Sanborn

Greg Sandiland
Scott Sapienza
Joel Sartore
Mike Saunders
Rhonda Sauvage
Scott Schaffer
Mike Schiffbauer

Angela Schipper
Jeffery Schlaht
Tony Schlemmer
Brian Schmeling
Josph Schmit
Steven Schoening
Renee Schroeder

Tim Schroeder
Jeff Schuman
Mike Schutz
Brian Scott
William Scott
Scott Seefeld
Greg Seewald

Matthew Seipel
Al Shanmugam
Kelly Shaw
Kellie Shea
Virginia Sheehan
Patricia Sheridan
Kari Sigerson

Teri Lynn Simchuk
Patty Sindelar
Debora Slavik
Theresa Slovek
Deann Smalley
Deborah Smith
Mary Leann Smith

Todd Smith
Elizabeth Sorensen
Scott Spinharney
Robert Stansbury
Thomas Stanton
Denise Steimle
Lorraine Stiers

Evan Sunde
Mark Szatko
Mike Szatko
Teresa Teague
Debbie Thomas
David Timmermans
Janet Toft

Kathryn Tostenson
Edward Traylor
Dave Traynor
Troy Trogdon
Sandra Tucker
Lori Tuttle
Gretchen Vahl

Lori VanCleave
Frances Vogel
Alan Walker
Paul Weber
Jayne Weller
Kirston Welliver
John Wheeler

Christopher White
Tari Whitney
Jay Wiebe
Thomas Wieneke
David Wilken
Katherine Williams
Sharon Williams

Todd Williams
Vern Wilson
Scott Wood
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Brian Woster
Annette Wrinkle

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Charles Zagozda
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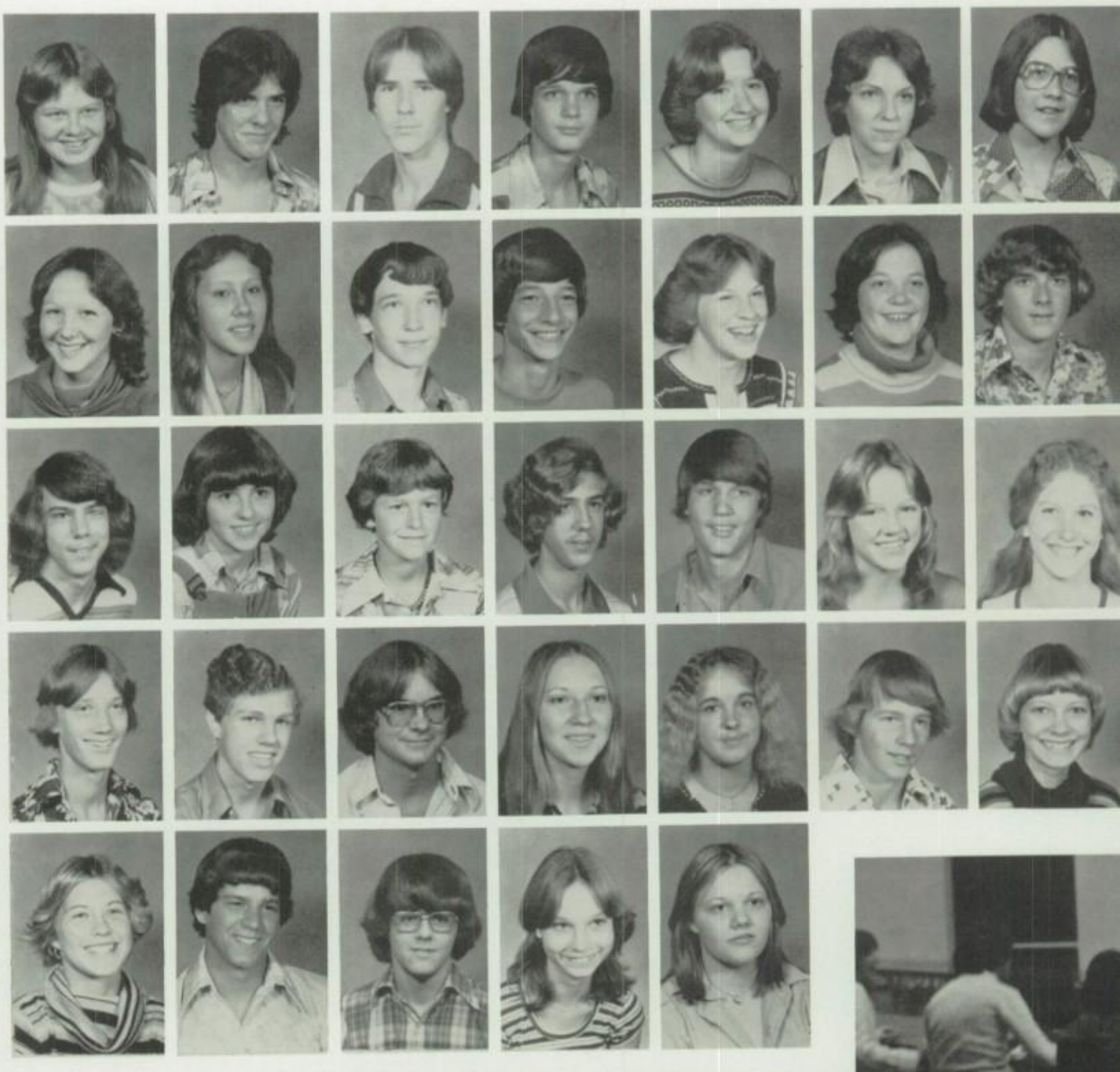
Debbie Zitek
Catherine Zorn



(1) Sophomore Carol Nienke performs at a pep rally. (2) Sophomores Renee Schroeder, Patty Sheridan, and Alan Bone try a variety of foods at the annual Spanish dinner. (3) Cathy Cvitak and Leslie Drennan discuss an assignment in sophomore English class. (4) Sophomore class officers for the '77-'78 year were: Carmen Collins, president; Jeff Schuman, treasurer; Alagappan Shanmugam, vice president; Laurie Kealy, secretary. (5) Sophomore Kathy Prem waits for music to start for her floor routine.

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Juniors rally for olympics victory

Starting off the 1977-78 school year, the junior class was victorious in the mock olympics. They defeated the seniors by a narrow margin of one-half point.

Another highlight of the year was the planning of prom. Sweetfield was the band that performed for the dance, which was held April 29 at the Carter Lake Ballroom. Sean Nemec was the prom chairman for the year.

Student Council members included Todd Frady, Kelly Dusek, Nemec, Tony Rhodes, Jackie Carbullido, Jan Morrissey and Denise Peitzmeier.

Class officers were Gail Toft, Kim Freemyer, Peitzmeier, Dusek and Nemec.

(1) Junior class officers were: treasurer Kelly Dusek, secretary Denise Peitzmeier, prom chairman Sean Nemec, president Gail Toft and vice-president Kim Freemyer. (2) Juniors Sean Nemec and Randy Jostes show "Ram pride" during the gym decorating contest. (3) Members of the junior class show spirit during the annual "hat's off" day.

John Adams
Tim Alberico
Larry Alexander
Ron Amenta
Jeff Anderson
Scott Anderson
Bill Baggett

Sue Baillargeon
Richard Bankers
Mary Basile
Dan Bauer
Tammy Bauer
Lori Baumgart
Cindy Beaumont

Ann Beeder
Robert Bennett
Tim Berneman
Dave Black
Marty Blanker
Ray Blomstedt
Sue Boetcher

Scott Bond
Kyle Borkowski
Vikki Bosley
Steve Boysen
Kent Brazille
Jeff Brazzle
Brenda Browning

Susan Brozo
Brad Bruns
Barb Burdette
Jeff Burry
Leo Cabral
Jeffrey Callen
Jackie Carbullido

Evelyn Carl
Laura Carter
Cheryl Caulfield
Michelle Cavalieri
Rick Chandler
John Charf
Joanne Cherek

Steve Chesley
Linda Cline
Gail Colan
Steve Collins
Dan Combs
John Comstock
Marty Connor

Lisa Cook
Cheryl Cox
Nancy Cross
Mike Cullen
Greg Curran
Roxann Dady
Betty Davie

Juniors

Deanna Davis
Lee Davis
Dan Dawson
Dan Dellamano
Bob Dickerson
Scott Di Giacomo
John Dohse

Sam Dormer
Debbie Dreith
Kim Dryden
Brad Duckworth
Randall Dugger
Brenda Duncan
Steve Duracinski

Mitch Durae
Robert Durham
Kelly Dusek
Tamara Dutch
Carol Eischeid
Gregory Emshoff
Debbie Engle

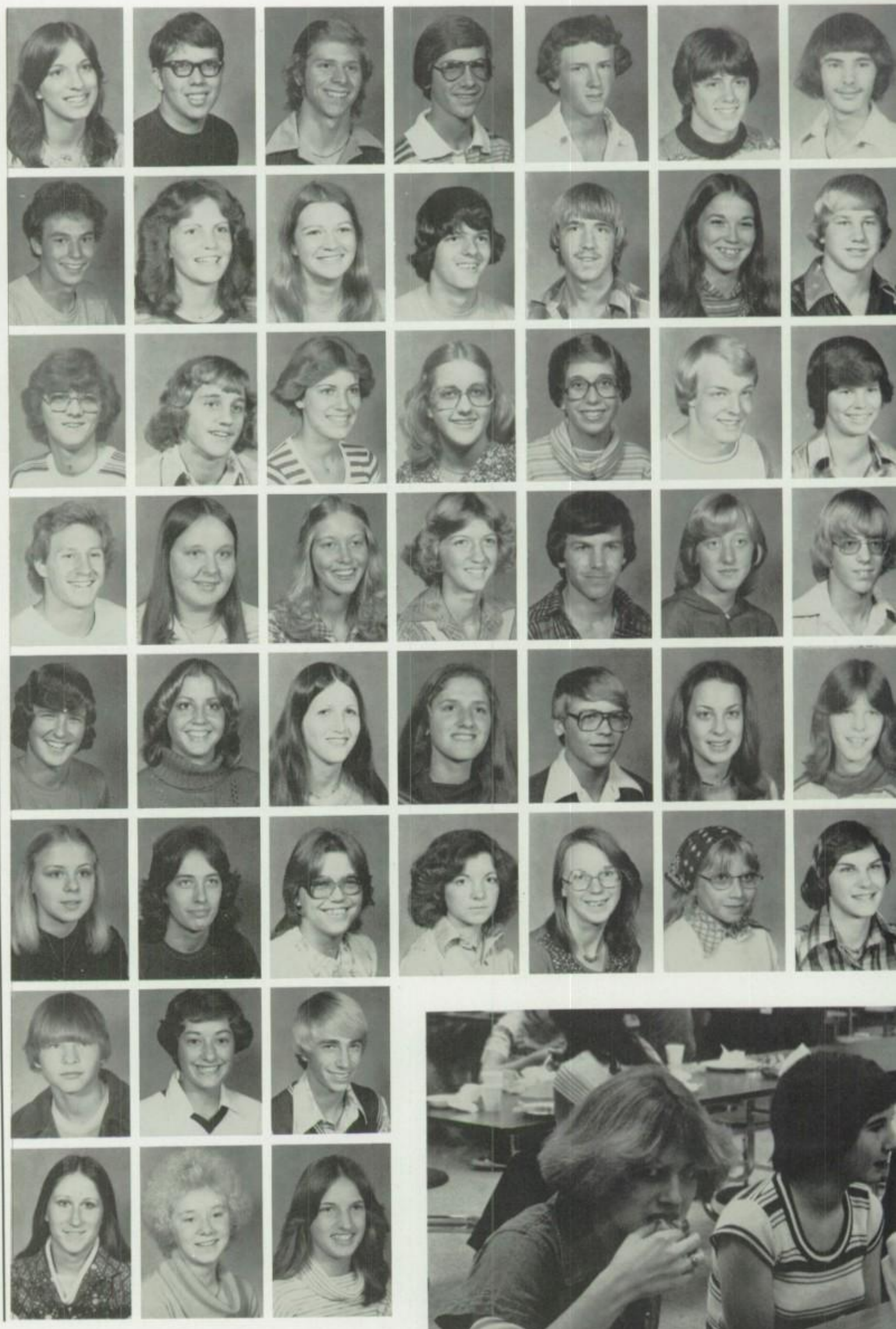
Randy Fellwock
Kathy Ferring
Dianne Fick
Michele Fideline
Stephen Fitzpatrick
Denise Fleming
Don Flott

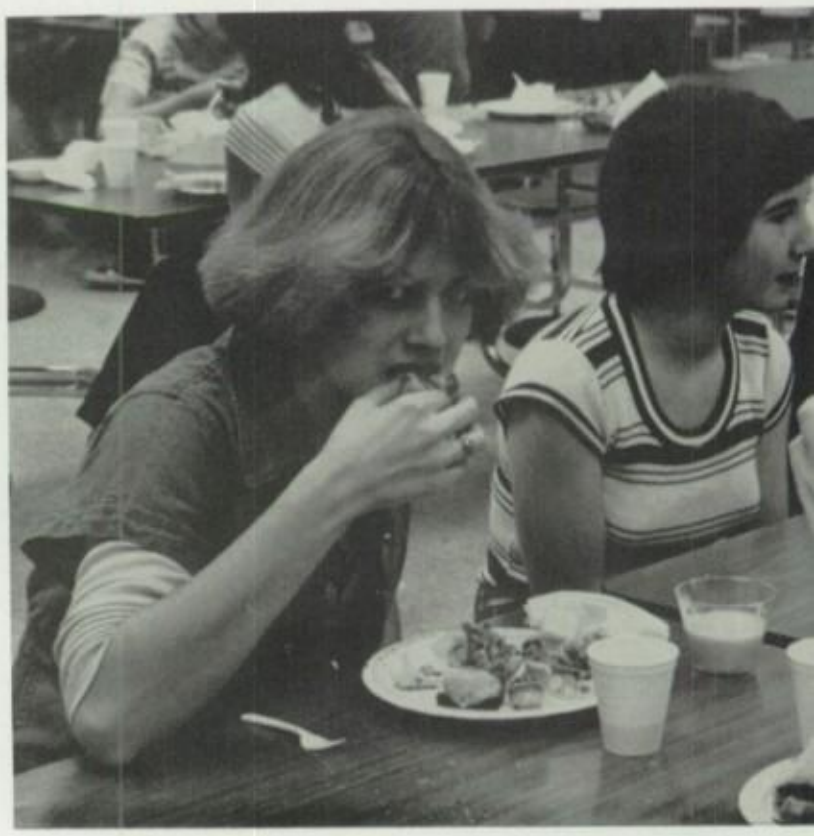
Gary Foehlinger
Sharon Folkerts
Susan Foster
Mary Fowler
Todd Frady
Kim Freemyer
Aline Gilmore

Amie Gilreath
Pat Godsey
Melanie Grabowski
Gayle Graham
Cynthia Green
Julie Grell
Lynn Grobeck

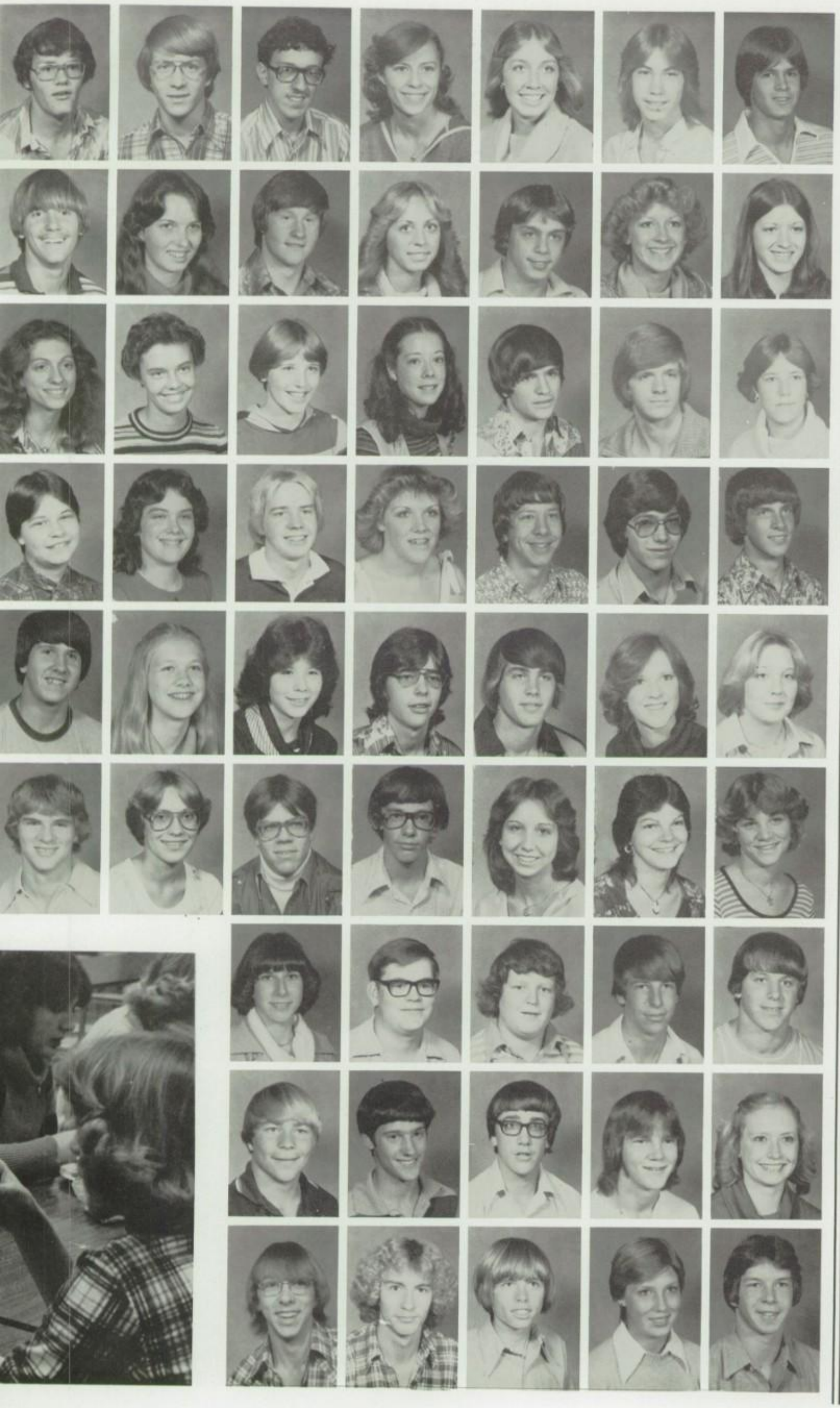
Tony Gute
Barb Hacker
Grant Haddix

Debbie Handrick
Vivian Hanel
Vicki Hanson





Enjoying the annual Spanish dinner are juniors Kelly Dusek, Ann Lorenz, Lynn Rosman and Michelle Fideline. The dinner is sponsored each year by the Spanish classes.



Leonard Hart
Dave Hatcher
Sam Hartman
Teresa Haugen
Brenda Hayes
Mike Henk
Joe Herman

Kevin Herrmann
Lori Hiatt
Mike Higgins
Janet Hobza
Jim Hobza
Kate Hoham
Laurie Holderness

Cheryl Holmes
Kim Homburg
Ellen Hopkins
Brenda Houlton
Don Huff
Ron Huff
Gina Iltzsch

Katherine Inman
Sharron Jack
Mark Jackson
Peggy Janca
Jeff Janowski
Tim Jenney
Pete Jensen

Bryce Johnson
Kristy Johnson
Lucinda Johnson
Randy Johnson
Rod Johnson
Karen Jones
Karey Jordan

Randy Jostes
Joyce Kaipus
Randy Keeler
Mike Kemp
Kelly Kerwin
Sue Klaudt
Kyle Kopfle

Karen Kowal
Dan Krapp
Mark Krause
Brian Krohn
Bob Kruse

Brad Kullenberg
Karl Kunc
Paul Lafferty
Robert Lanham
Kathy Larson

Jeff Lawver
Chris Lee
Mike Lemaster
Penny Lenz
Jay Lewellen

Juniors prepare to do a chant at the opening of the first fall pep rally.

Eva Lincoln
Chris Lockman
Andrea Logan

Ann Lorenz
Kathy Lorenz
Pam Ludwig

Tami Ludwig
Kim Malone
Nancy Manahan
John Marr
Shelly Matuska
Mark McKeever
Mike McKinley

Brenda McMickell
Linda McMickell
Laurie McNealy
Carolyn Medina
Mark Meschede
Dan Meyer
Carol Miles

Brian Miller
Jeff Miller
Tom Milone
Lori Mock
Mike Monahan
Chris Moore
Angela Moreland

Jim Morris
Jan Morrissey
Scott Morton
Jeanne Murray
Tammy Myler
Diana Nelson
Lori Nelson

Sean Nemec
Leisha Neyman
Kathy Nielsen
Penny Nielsen
Bob Nienke
Don Nordell
Stuart Nyquist

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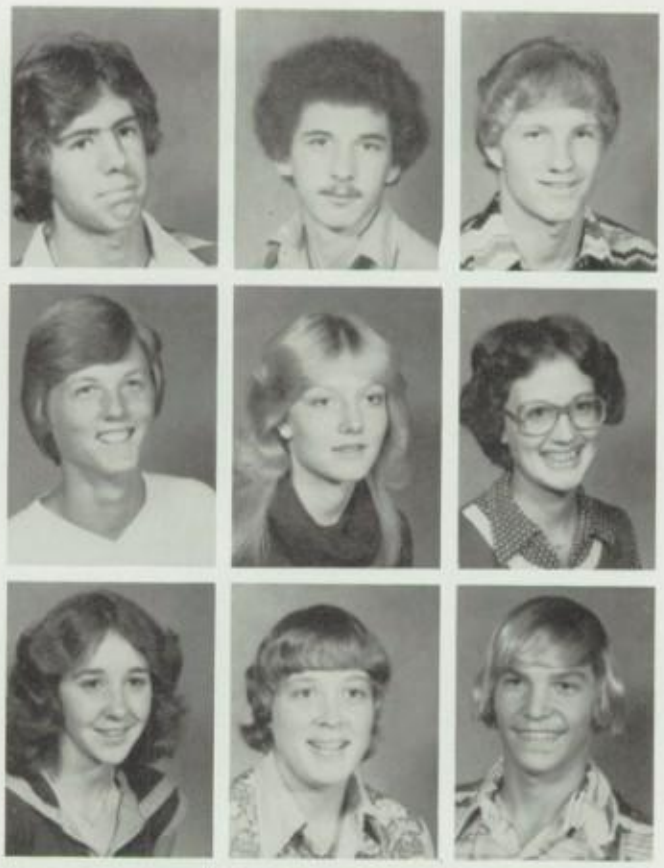
Jeff Perry
Greg Peterson
Shawn Peterson



Mike Petty
Frank Pilege
Jim Piontkowski

Joe Porter
Perri Postma
Laura Powers

Patty Pratt
Deb Pry
Mike Randolph

Ron Rasmussen
Shelly Rasmussen
Roger Reese
Randy Renna
Lisa Retzlaff
Tony Rhodes
Natalie Ritzman

Debbi Roads
Rhonda Rolle
Lynne Rosman
Debbie Rothermund
Diane Rozmiarek
Sharri Ruhga
Kevin Ryan

Kim Ryder
Mary Sanders
Chris Saunders
Sally Schmid
Kim Schrader
Valerie Schroeder
Paul Schum

Daniel Seaman
Sheila Secret
Mark Seipel
Kim Selvig
Dave Shipley
Ed Shively
Betty-Jo Siggins

David Simes
Elly Simonsen
Cathy Skoumal
Barb Sladky
Greg Slavik
Colleen Smith
Kim Smith

Steve Smith
Scott Sorensen
Steve Sorensen
Chuck Spencer
Becky Staab
Cynthia Stanek
Douglas Stecki

Mike Steele
Ron Stevens
Ed Storm
Joan Swanson
Greg Taylor
Kris Taylor
Scott Todd

Gail Toft
Russ Tooker
Lori Trede
Julie Tuch
Connie Tucker
John Turner
Mike VanCleave

Robyn Van Cleave
Pam VanFleet
Sharon Vencil
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Shirley Walla
Debbie Wallace

Bill Ward
Connie Watson
Alice Wheeler
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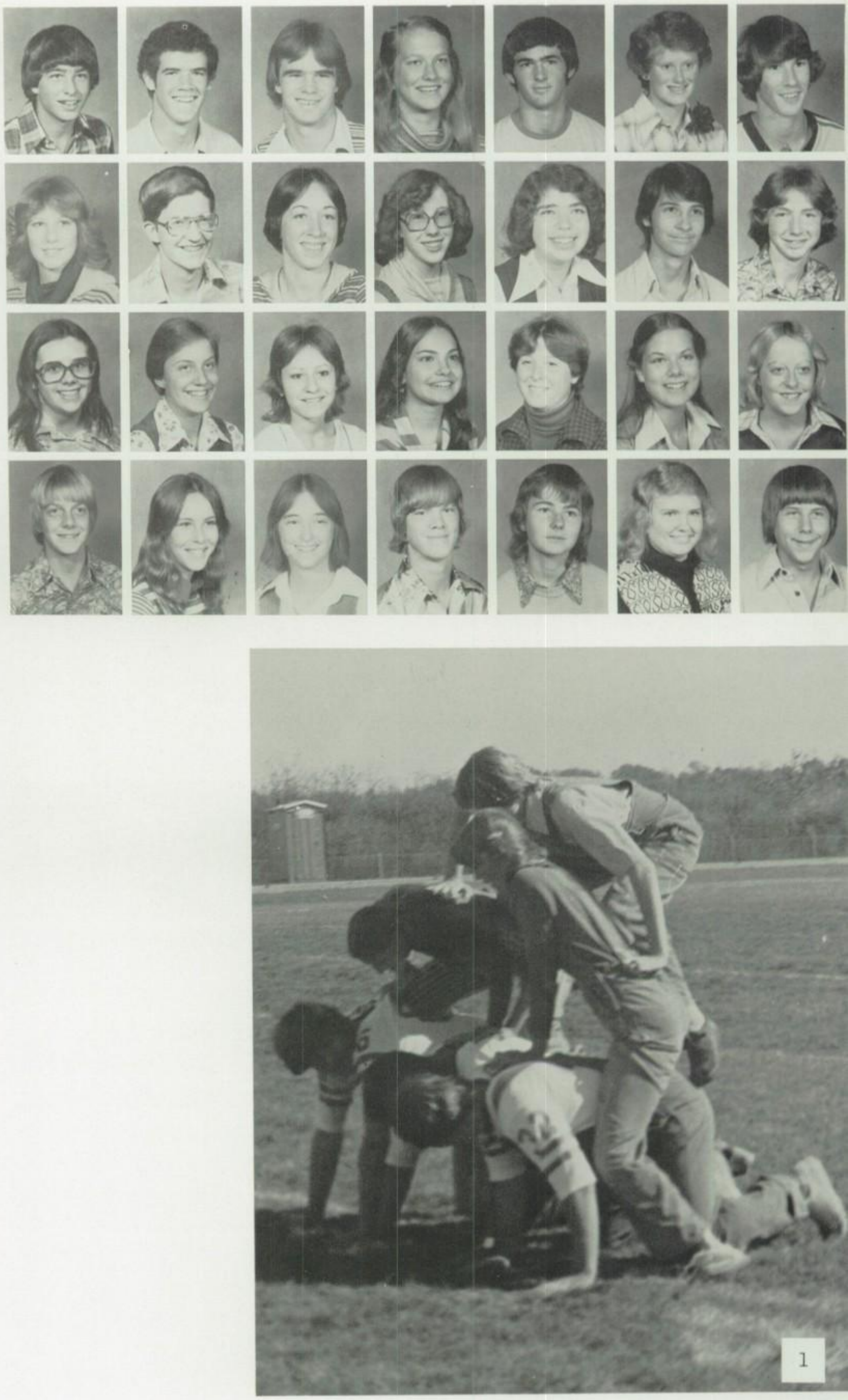
Tamora Whitney
Michele Wilcoxson
James Williams



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Julie Wilson

Larry Wilson

Mike Wilson

Gale Wimberley

John Wipfler
Pam Wiseman
Carla Wortman
Greg Woster
Bee Yang
Doualor Yang
Lormong Yang

Voua Yang
Lauri Zadina

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(1) Juniors practice on the human pyramid during the annual mock olympics. (2) Working on the winning gym entry are juniors Brenda Houlton, Karen Kowal and Janet Hobza. (3) Performing to the number of "Hail Varsity" are juniors Lisa Retzlaff, Janet Hobza and Kathy Larson.

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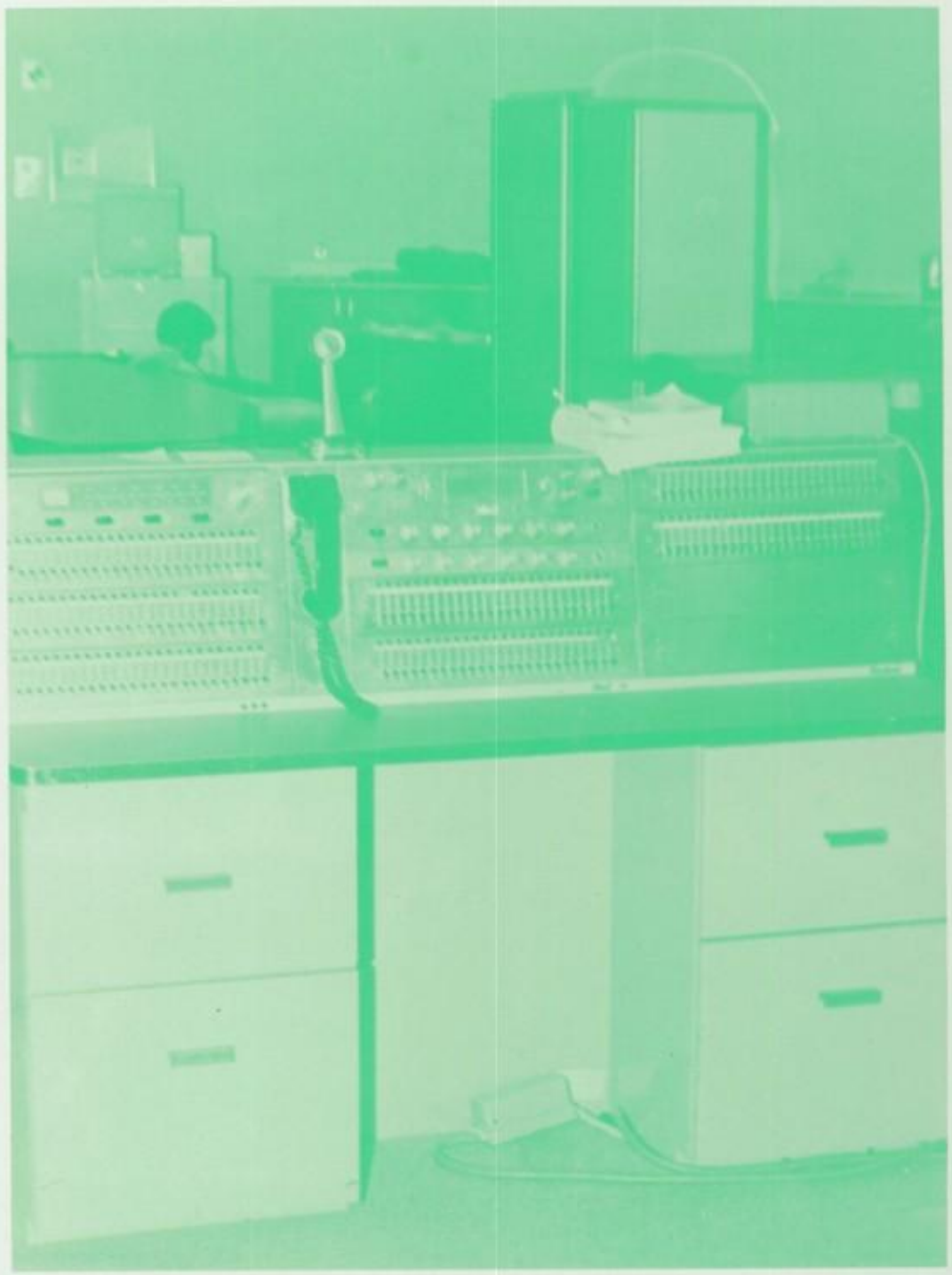


How is communicating important to . . . academics?

"Through communicating: You will learn to relate to others with warm responses and genuine understanding. You will also discover yourself by helping others discover themselves."

LON BERNTH

"Communicating is important to the faculty because many joys and sorrows are shared by the members of the faculty. The joys are more joyful and the sorrows (or problems) are more easily solved when they work together and communicate. Student-teacher communication is even more important than teacher-teacher communication. Why are there schools? For students to learn: They are the important people."

KAREN FRERICHS

"I feel it's a definite necessity to have teachers and students communicate with an objective goal in mind. If we expect students to achieve and become the caliber of citizen we expect, we definitely must communicate."

NEAL McDONALD

"Communication is a two-fold process—speaking and listening. From my point of view it involves more than talking. Communicating displays feelings and emotion and empathy, which really say what you are and where you're coming from."

DALE KINNEY

Kleinsmith elected new superintendent; School board adopts new medical policy

Mr. Gerald B. Kleinsmith was elected as the new superintendent by the Ralston Board of Education in a special session on Aug. 23, 1977. Prior to Ralston, Mr. Kleinsmith was superintendent of Woodbine Community Schools in Iowa.

Supt. Kleinsmith received his M.S., B.S., and educational specialist degrees at UNO.

The school board adopted a new school medication policy Sept. 19, 1977. The new policy prohibits school employees from disbursing any type of medication unless it has been prescribed by a physician. There also has to be written release by the parent or guardian.

(1) Mr. Dale Kinney, Mrs. Ruth Borsheim, Mr. Fleming and Mr. Don Konecky serve on a panel discussion for Adult Living class. (2) Mr. Ruf explains instructions to students during the SAT tests.

Doug McLaughlin
Counselor

Bill Ruf
Counselor

Jo Rives
Counselor

Gene Seran
Counselor

Lon Bernth
Principal

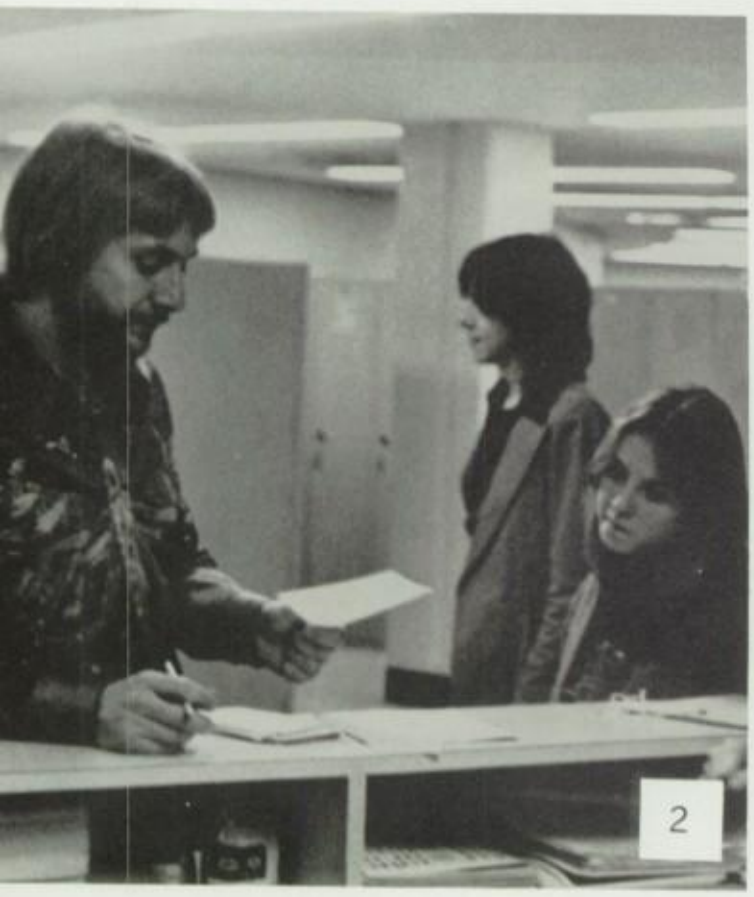
Earl Taylor
Associate Principal

Donald Fleming
Assistant Principal

Kenneth Allen
Athletic Director

SCHOOL BOARD. FRONT ROW: Mrs. Treacy Walker, Mr. John Fifer, Mr. Richard Anderson. BACK ROW: Supt. Gerald Kleinsmith, Mr. Frank Serrao, Mr. Maynard Boehler, Mr. Percy Flott.

(1) Dr. Paul Mojzes (lecturer from Pennsylvania U.) talks with Mr. Taylor after speaking to honor students. (2) Mr. McLaughlin assigns a locker to a new student. (3) Mr. Bernth congratulates senior Sandy Montalbano on being accepted into NHS.



John Jorgensen
Biology

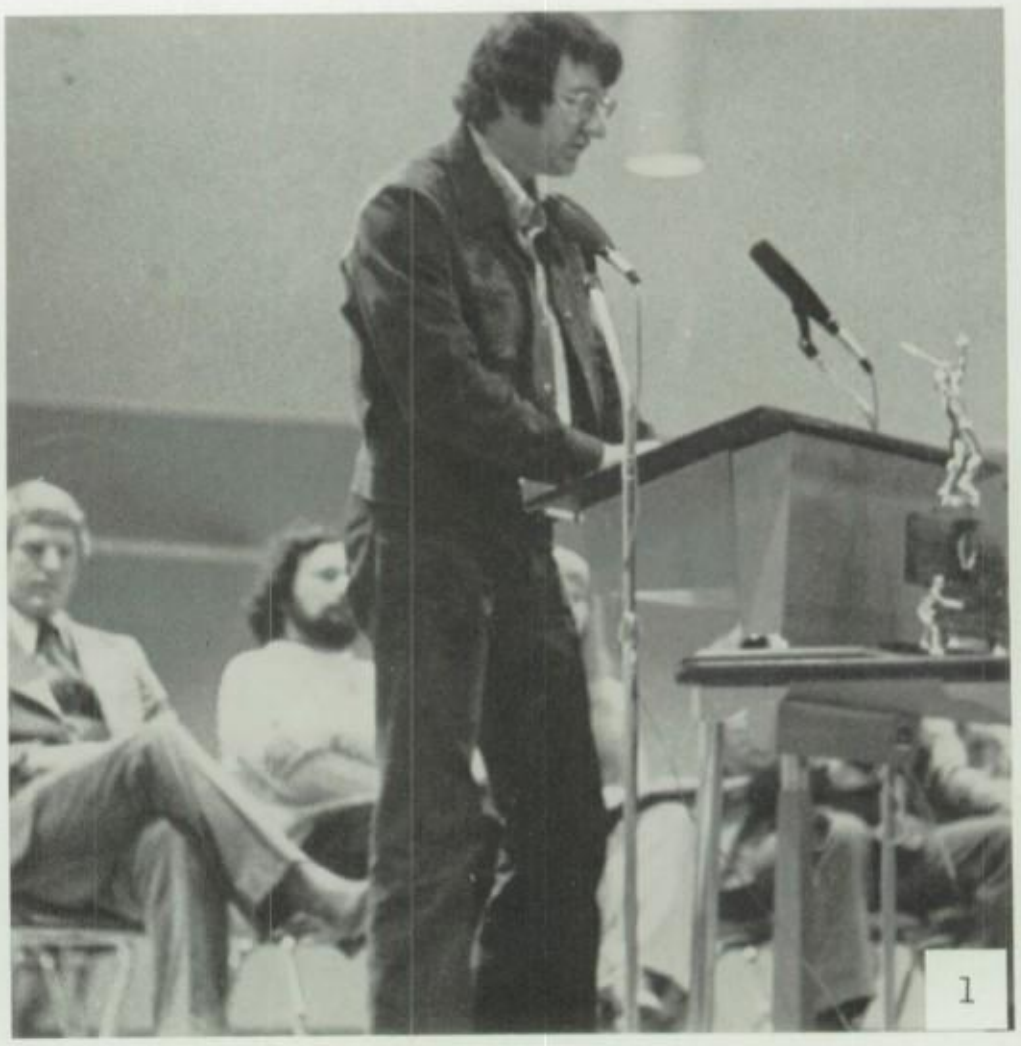
Thomas Bodzek
Biology

Timothy Davis
Zoology

Keith Gilliland
Earth Science

Earla Trigg
Chemistry

Joe Pinkall
Biology



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Department adds OSACS teacher

Mr. Joe Pinkall is new in the science department, teaching Physical Science and IIS Biology. Before coming to Ralston, Mr. Pinkall taught for 16 years at the OSACS Science Center in Gretna. He said that he enjoys teaching at Ralston.

Mr. Erik Torring, department chairman, said that along with the other science courses, the number of students taking biology increased the most.

Erik Torring
Dept. Chairman

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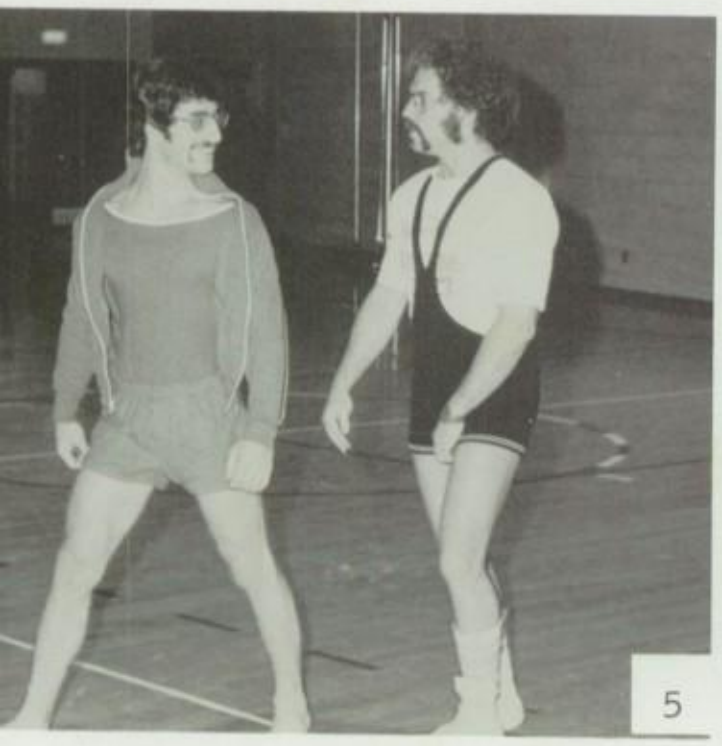
Three educators join math faculty

Three new teachers joined the math department this past year: Mrs. Mary Stieren, Algebra teacher, Mr. Richard Emsick, Trouble Shooting and General Math teacher, and Mr. Peter Studenski, Geometry teacher. Mrs. Stieren formerly taught at the Middle School. Mr. Studenski is also coach for boys' and girls' gymnastics.

The number of students taking math has increased. One thousand and thirty-nine students were enrolled in math courses as compared to 966 during the '76-'77 school year.

One reason for this may be, according to Mr. Garry Jurgens, chairman, "an increase in overall enrollment."



Garry Jurgens
Dept. Chairman

Kenneth Ahl
Algebra II/Trig

Richard Emsick
General Math

Duane Hemminger
Geometry

Kendall Peterson
Algebra

James Reiff
Elementary Analysis

Peter Studenski
Geometry

Mary Stieren
Algebra

(1) Coach Jorgensen announces lettermen for boys' golf. (2) Tennis coach Jurgens presents senior Gary Luedders with the "Outstanding Player" award. (3) Mr. Peterson assists a student during a math IMC. (4) Freshman coaches Steve Brennan and Davis look on during a frosh game against Ryan. (5) Gymnastics coach Studenski and wrestling coach Jim McGrath participate in a winter sports' pep rally.

Martha Novak
Dept. Chairman

Bill Novak
English 2/Humor

Linda Jensen
Journalism

Daryl Taylor
English 9

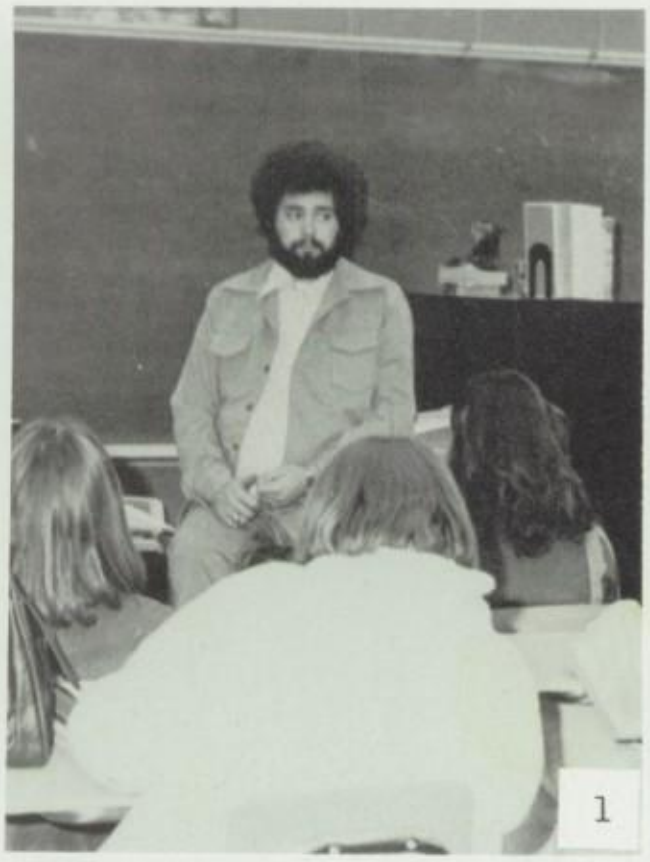
Ron Gabriel
American Lit.

Jan Knowles
English 9

Mary Klipfel
Personal Commun.

(1) Mrs. Borsheim introduces students to Dr. Paul Mojzes, guest university lecturer. (2) Mrs. Jensen reviews for a test with her Beginning Journalism class. (3) During a pep rally, Mr. Konecky competes in an orange rolling contest.

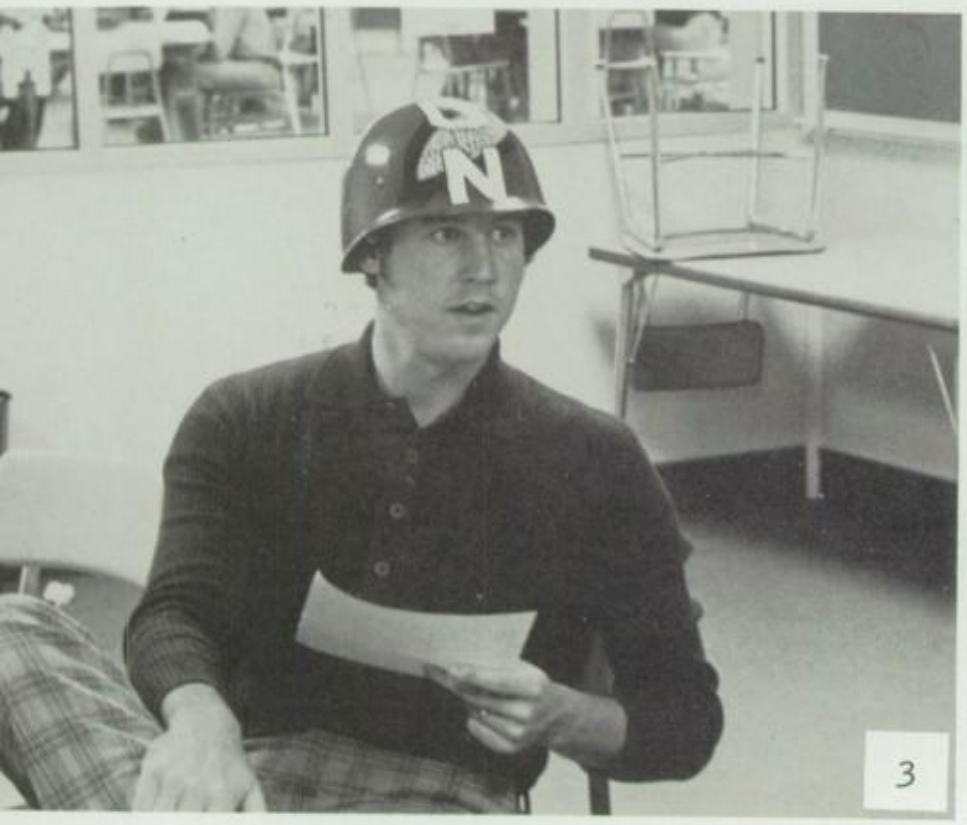
Two courses produce larger enrollment



The English department had an overall increase in number of students. According to chairman, Mrs. Martha Novak, more seniors took advanced classes. The increase took place in Grammar Review and Advanced Composition.

Mrs. Ruth Borsheim's Writings of the West class took various field trips, which included visits to Nebraska City, Buffalo City, Nebr., and Vermillion, S. Dak. Mrs. Borsheim said, "This course is designed to also create pride in areas of our West."

Mr. Mark Raduziner, a student teacher at Ralston last year, replaced Mrs. Sandy Ball in Mass Media, and Miss Mary Klipfel was added to the staff as debate coach and Personal Communications teacher.



Mike Kester
English 2/S. Story

Ruth Borsheim
English Lit.

Steve Brennan
Eng. 2/Humor

Mark Raduziner
Mass Media

Donald Konecky
English 9

Sandra Heater
Reading Specialist

(1) Mr. Gabriel explains daily assignments to American Literature class. (2) Junior Brad Kullenburg and Mr. Raduziner discuss a special project during Mass Media. (3) Showing his spirit on "hats off day," while helping students in English IMC is Mr. Brennan.

Social studies teachers visit workshops

Honor students attended a series of breakfasts sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The breakfasts gave the students a chance to hear viewpoints on government from noted Americans.

"Our political system was emphasized more in all the classes," said department head John Gilfillan. "The reason for this is that more students are able to vote and this gives them a better understanding."

A group of social studies teachers attended a workshop held by the Education Consultant Associates, and Mr. Wally Sommers attended one on state government, given by Proctor and Gamble.

(1) Mr. Sommers takes role at the beginning of class. (2) Mr. Gilfillan welcomes new superintendent, Mr. Gerald Kleinsmith. (3) Mr. Kinney appoints discussion groups during U.S. History class.

John Gilfillan
Dept. Chairman

Neal McDonald
World History

Robert French
U.S. History

Wally Sommers
U.S. History

Curt Shockey
Intro to S.S.

Dale Kinney
U.S. History

Larry Koenig
Intro. to S.S.

Carol Higbee
Intro. to S.S.

(1) Mrs. Higbee returns exams to a class. (2) Mr. French reviews for a test during a U.S. History class. (3) Mr. Shockey assists freshman Joyce Chadwell with an assignment.

(1) Mr. Smith assists students in Power Training and Brakes class. (2) Mr. Ferguson takes a break between events during mock olympics. (3) Senior Lisa Hickman assists Mrs. Palensky in taking senior Joan Campbell's blood pressure in Health Occupations class.

Reno Pfeil
Dept. Chairman

Gary Dubbs
Mechanical Drawing

Monte Smith
Auto Mechanics

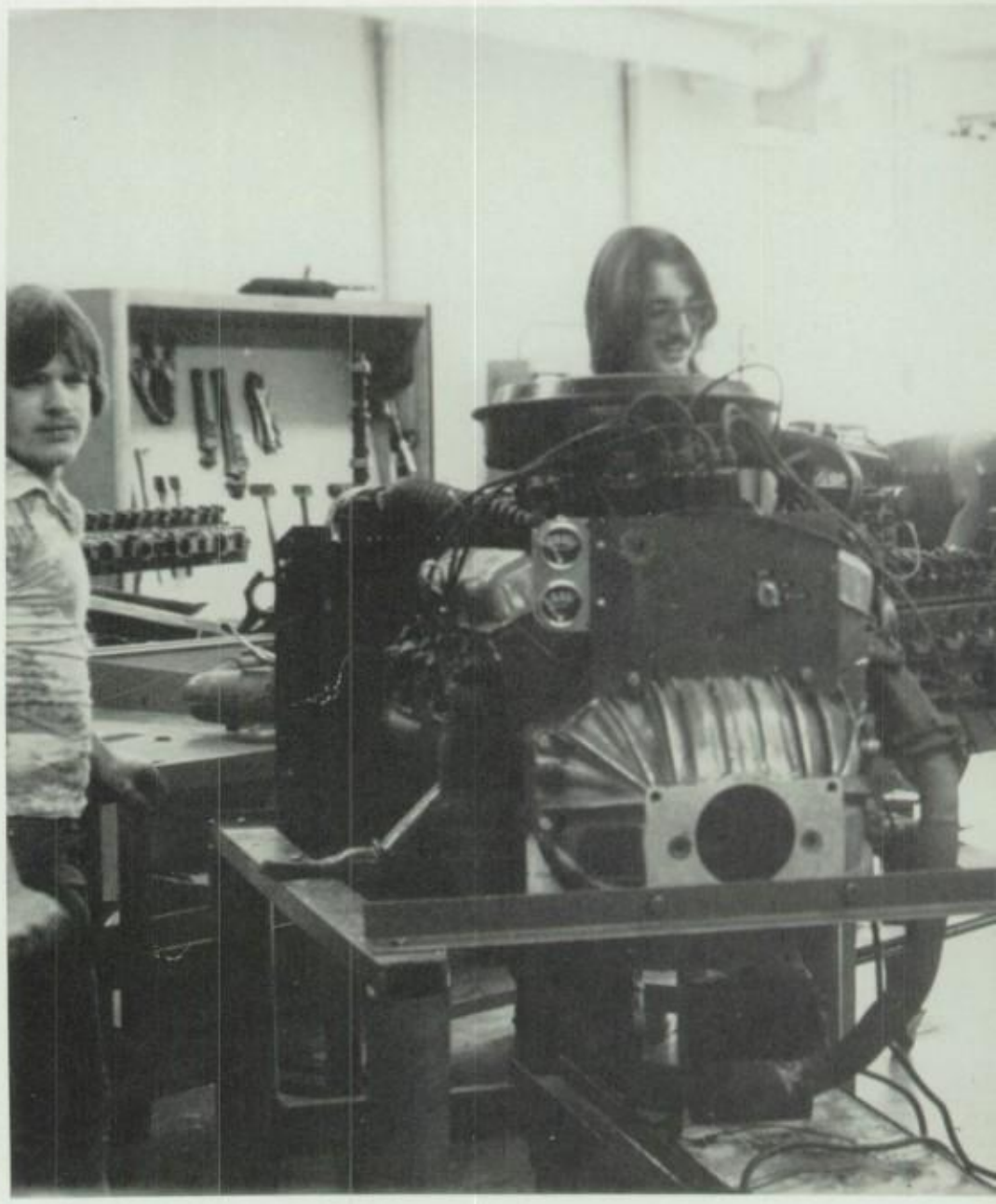
Jack Smits
Metals

Jim Hinze
Machine Woods

James Wolfe
Electronics

Patricia Allen
Advanced Foods

Ruth Hammel
Clothing



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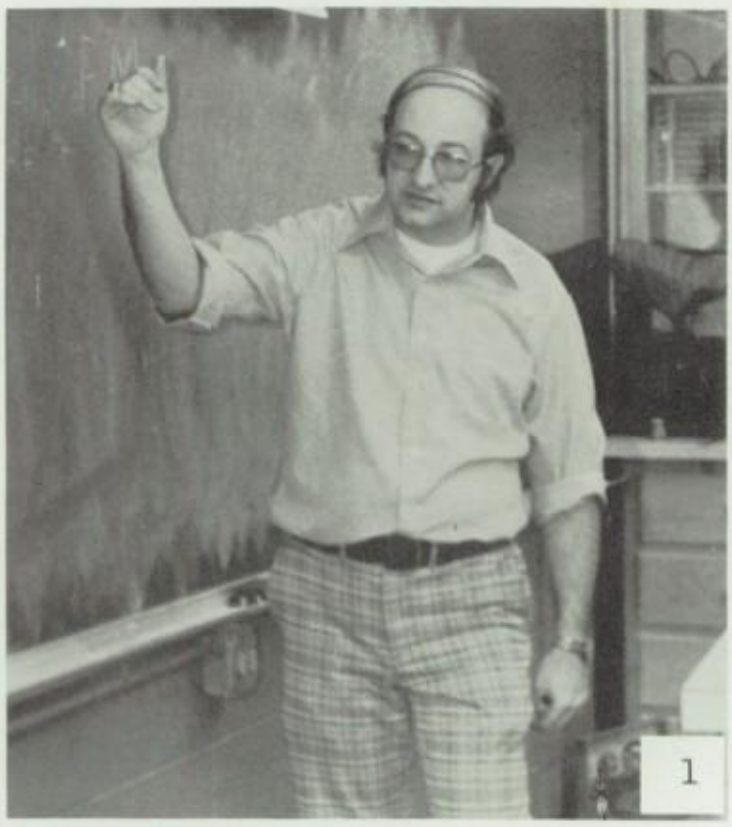
Classes bring enrollment increase



The industrial education department had an increase in enrollment in all areas this past year.

One reason may be that two new classes were added, according to Mr. Reno Pfeil, department head. He said Advanced Electricity and Basic Electronics were offered.

The Electronics class, in conjunction with Western Electric, put together a unit using lasar energy.

The home economics department took several field trips in addition to the varied curriculum. The Home Furnishings classes went to the Dodge house and to Ethan Allen furniture store.

(1) Mr. Wolfe goes over a problem with his Advanced Electricity class. (2) Mrs. Allen works with sophomore Sheryl Cook on a class project, egg babies, designed to teach child care.

Lyn Palensky
Health Occupations

Patricia Cortese
Resource Room

Barbra How
Resource Room

Charleen Kremke
Office Occupations

Derald Ferguson
Distributive Education

John Vacanti
Vocational Counselor

Department adds Advanced Shorthand

The business department added several new classes to the curriculum also. Units on Accounts Receivable, Posting Operations and Advanced Shorthand were offered.

There was an increase in all areas of the business department except Clerical Recordkeeping, Shorthand I and Typing II. Mr. Deloss Smith, department head, feels that some reasons for this are students wishing to get out on a release, and some courses taking a great deal of preparation.

"Considering the changes that are going on in the U.S., I feel that the business department has a good, solid enrollment in most classes," said Mr. Smith.

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Deloss Smith
Dept. Chairman

Ruth Osborne
Typing I

Lorna Brennan
Typing I

James McGrath
General Business

Joyce Roeschke
Shorthand

Lee Dierks
Typing I

Todd Seastedt
Dept. Chairman

John Osborne
Physical Education

Larry Hill
Swimming

Shirley Richardson
Physical Education

Ann Fulkerson
Physical Education

Ronald Siske
Driver Education

P.E. offers outdoor program

Ralston's physical education department designed a new program. Outdoor Education was offered for the first time to upperclassmen who have completed P.E. 500 and another elective course. This course provides experience in outdoor recreational activities.

There was also a great increase in the number of students taking P.E. During the first semester over 850 students enrolled in P.E., and during the second semester, almost 900.

"The number of students taking P.E. has increased greatly due to the wide range of activities we offer," said Mr. Todd Seastedt, department chairman.

(1) Miss Roeschke and Mr. McLaughlin participate in the blind man's football event during the mock olympics. (2) Coaches Seastedt and Osborne ride with their children on fire engines through Ralston during the annual snake dance. (3) Mrs. Richardson practices self-defense with junior Kim Smith. (4) Mr. Smith and senior Lorrie Culver show their spirit on "hats off day."

Larry Lutte
Instrumental Music

Dwaine Price
Vocal Music

Karen Frerichs
Vocal Music

Bob Benzel
Art

Margaret Dineen
Art

Virginia Grogan
Art

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Fine Arts gains three new teachers

There were three new, full time teachers added to the fine arts department in the fall. Miss Virginia Grogan, art, was born in Missouri, lived in South Africa for three years and attended Cornell University, Iowa State and UNL. Mrs. Sandra Basye, drama, was raised in Sioux City and attended North High School. Mrs. Karen Frerichs, a Ralston graduate, is now assisting in music.

Mr. Dwaine Price and Mrs. Basye combined their talents to present the musical "Anything Goes" on Nov. 2, 3, 4 and 6.

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(1) Mrs. Frerichs prepares the treble choir for its upcoming concert. (2) Mr. Lutte instructs the band at an outdoor performance. (3) Mr. Benzel (at right) and Senior Tom Stokes participate in a skit during an assembly.

Denton Hoy
Spanish

Karen Hartley
French

Randy Srb
French

Sandra Basye
Drama

(1) Faculty members compete in building pyramids during mock olympics. (2) Mrs. Hartley reads from the French book to her class.

Margaret Siewerdsen
Attendance

Rita Perich
Guidance Secretary

Millie Evers
Bookkeeper

Shirley McVicker
Athletic Secretary

Nita Holman
Teacher Aide

Cindy Eggers
Receptionist

Hoy, Baldwin join RHS staff in '77

Twenty library assistants formed themselves into a library service club and joined the Nebraska Student Media Association. They receive one credit a semester.

Mrs. Jody Hoy replaced Mrs. Lyn Palensky as the school nurse. Mrs. Hoy received her R.N. from Bryan Memorial in Lincoln. Prior to coming to Ralston, she was a nurse at Methodist Hospital and the Physician's Clinic. Mrs. Hoy said, "It's very enjoyable working with younger people. It's a nice change."

Mrs. Kerry Baldwin replaced Miss Rosalind Knauer as librarian, and Mrs. Dorothy Rhodes replaced Mrs. Linda Knolmayer, as library aide.

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(1) The cooks dress in their Halloween costumes while serving lunch. (2) Bookkeeper Millie Evers discusses paper work with athletic director Ken Allen.

CUSTODIANS. FRONT ROW: John Evers, Sebastian Caniglia, Ed Schrader and Whin Hangren. BACK ROW: George Latzel, Terry Gannon, Roy Bain and Arnold Jensen.

(1) Mrs. Hoy prepares her dish during the annual Spanish dinner. (2) Mr. McGrath and Mrs. Baldwin attempt to win the wheel barrow race for the faculty during mock olympics.

Jody Hoy
Nurse

Kerry Baldwin
Librarian

Evelyn Pancake
Library Aide

Dorothy Rhodes
I.M.C. Aide

Jan Girouex
I.M.C. Aide

COOKS. FRONT ROW: Bev Myers, Joan Larson, Vickie Seabaugh, Rose Peterson, Janet Slominski, Marge Ribold, Gert Steuben, Jan Shearer. BACK ROW: Betty Montalbano, Darlene Higgins, Lillian Kvetensky, Edna Koundourakis, Irene Downs, Barb Cirian, Eunice Klintworth, Arlene Kranz.

seniors

How is communicating important to . . . seniors?

"Communicating is essential for a senior in that anyone going out into the world for a job or for further education needs to be able to express herself adequately."

JANIE RAUSCH

"Communicating is important to everyone, but it is especially important to seniors. Seniors must be able to communicate with their families, teachers and peers. If a senior is not able to do this, he will not be able to communicate and survive when he is on his own. Communicating is an important factor in everyday life. People MUST be able to get along with other people."

SHERI RASMUSSEN

"I think communicating is very important. Take TV for instance—without it, how would we ever get our homework done?"

DEBBIE McCUE

"I think that communicating is very important to all students, but especially seniors. Seniors need more communication from counselors, teachers and administrators than any other class, except freshmen. Both of these classes experience new changes, freshmen because they are new at the high school, and seniors, because they are on the threshold of their future. Communication—it really helps."

ANN FOWLER

Seniors find communicating a way of life

Communicating has always been a big part of high school life, and for the 281 seniors of '78 their final year was no different.

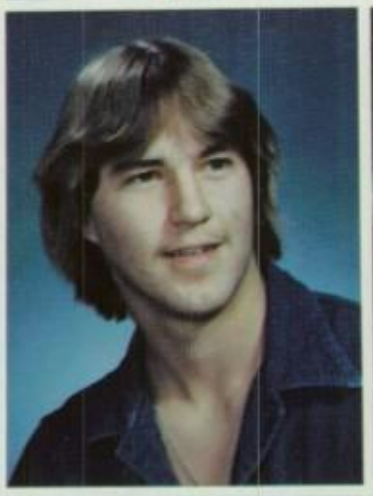
There was communication during fun times, such as mock olympics, (in which the seniors placed second by a half-point to the juniors) and the school dances. There were four dances instead of three in the '77-'78 school year, Homecoming, Criss-Crosser, Junior-Senior Prom and the new dance, Christmas Prom, which was held at Peony Park. Much talk and planning could be heard as the dance dates neared.

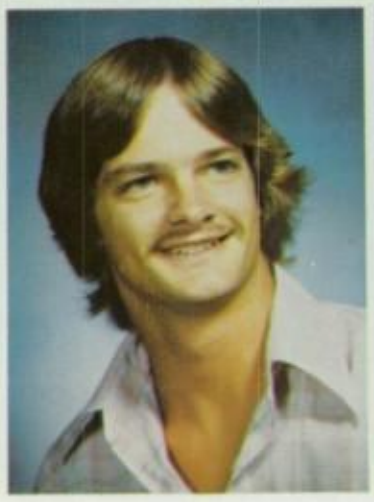
Seniors also communicated when there was homework to do and tests to take and friends, teachers, and counselors were always there to help.

The school year also helped prepare the seniors for the future. But as graduation neared, the seniors displayed sadness at having to leave friends they had gone through school with, but also excitement at being on their own. Each was a little scared and a little excited at what the future would hold for him.

Graduation was held Jan. 19, for the mid-term graduates and May 23 for the rest of the seniors.

Senior Jay Scott takes time out to compare originality during Homecoming week at the gym decorating event.





Dale Aiken
Cathy Anderson
Mark Anderson

Teresa Anderson
Eugene Anthony
Janice Anttila

Douglas Bailey
Jay Beaty
Jerald Beaumont

Elizabeth Benson
Tari Bohaty

Julie Bowersox
Paul Branch

Denise Brasel
Keith Brazille
Kay Bredthauer
Gregory Brinker

Phyllis Brockmoller
Darryl Brown
Paula Brown
Dennis Brozak

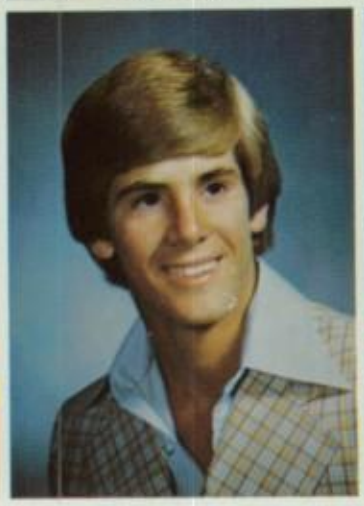
Steven Buchanan
Gerald Buras

Lisa Burianek
Kerry Bushnell

Linda Caldwell
Joan Campbell

Senior class officers for the 1977-1978 school year were: Steve Schmitt, treasurer; Denise Brasel, vice-president; Jill Davis, president; and Cindy Stabb, secretary.

Seniors Cindy Staab, Lynn Larson, Julie Huntley, and Pam Negley work on their semester projects in fourth hour advanced textile and design class.



Jesse Cardenas
Dan Caskey

Julie Cattano
Kenneth Cavender

Deanna Clark
Leslie Clark

Vicki Cline
Timothy Connor

Lisa Cooper
Jeffrey Coplin
Lorrie Culver
Mark Daganaar

Deborah Dailey
Kevin Daly
Dawn Daugherty
Jill Davis

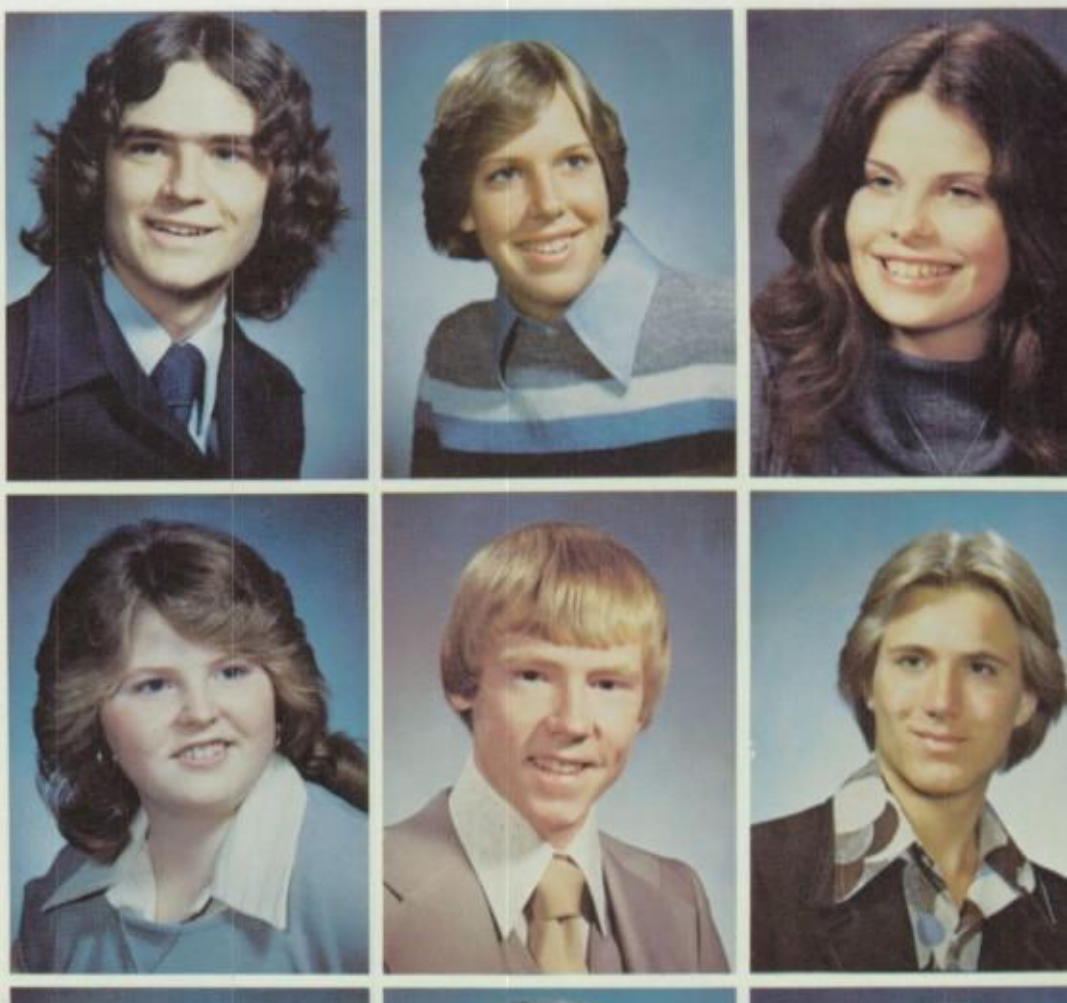
David Dawson
Julie Dear
Susan Denny
Tami DiGiacomo

David Dowler
Kirk Dugger
Douglas Durham
Michael Everley

Tracy Fackler
Martin Farrell
Brian Ferring
Steven Flott

Theresa Flott
Ann Fowler
Mary Freberg
Kristi Freudenthal

Seniors Steve Polchert and Laurel Van Driest, co-editors of the RAM TALES, display the award the newspaper received for second place in state.



Julie Friend
Brian Fritcher

Steven Frost
Gigi Fry

Michael Fry
Patricia Fry
Michael Fucinaro
David Fucinaro

Kathryn Garnatz
Keith Gero
Steven Gibbs
Tim Gilliland

Patricia Gilmore
William Givens
William Glismann
Theresa Goblirsch

Carol Graves
Susan Gray
Susan Groth
Dean Gute

Jeff Haacke
Lorrie Hacker
Jon Hansen
Timothy Harm

Mark Harrison
Trudy Heikens

Robert Heisler
Christine Hennig

Susan Heyer
Lisa Hickman

Seniors Shari Olson and Mark Tolan try in vain to keep their balloon from breaking in the water balloon relay.

Seniors watch as the next event is about to start.

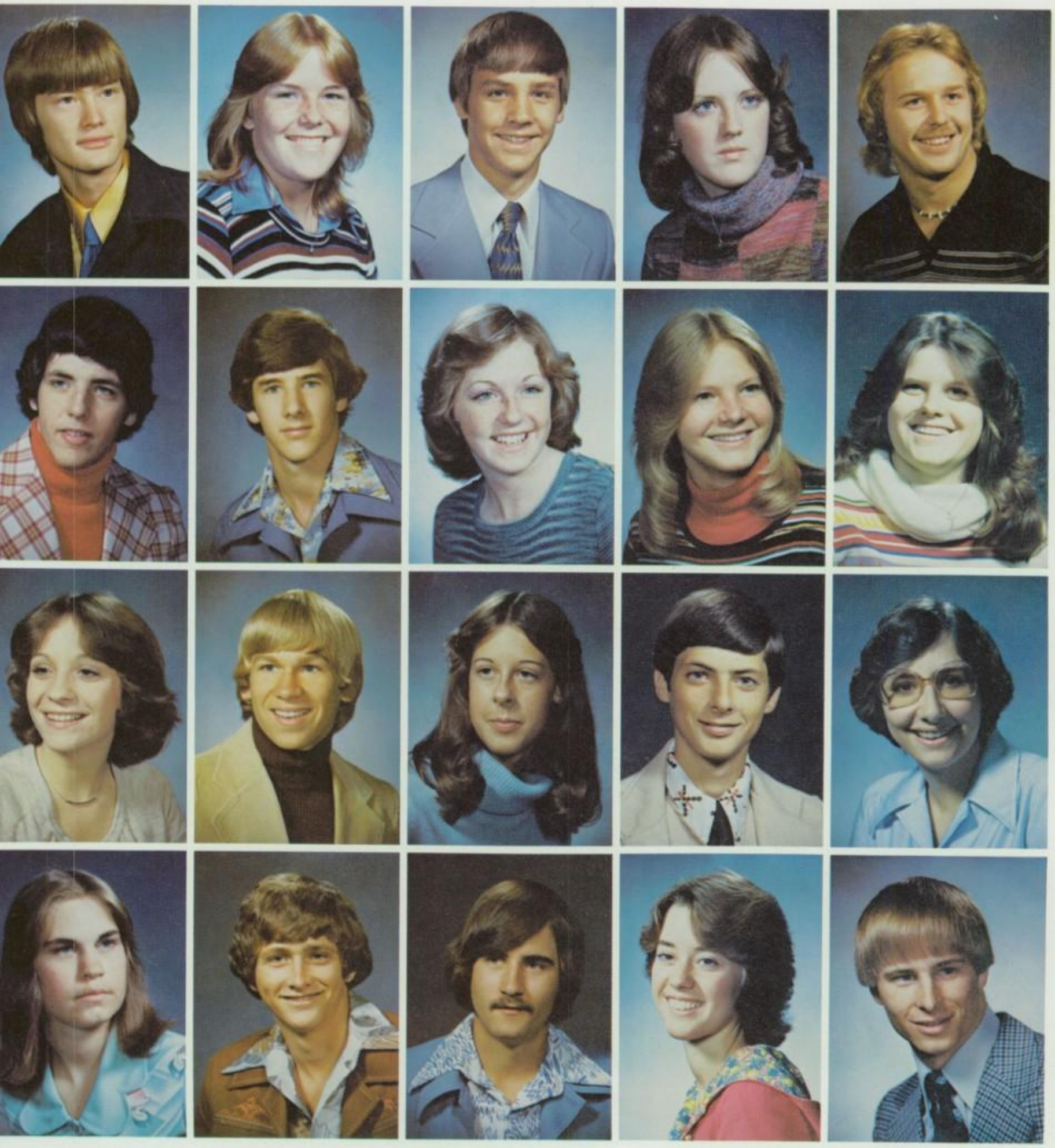
Jerry Higgason
Cliff Holman

Robert Huff
Scott Hughbanks

Shelley Hughes
Angela Hultberg

Julia Huntley
David Hurd
Lynn Hurlbutt
Paula Hymans

John Hynes
Scott Ingalls
Patrick Inman
Karen Jacobs



Mark Jahns
Vince James
Katherine Jaskula
Shelly Jensen

Patricia Johnson
Steven Johnson
Michael Karstens
Todd Kasper

Jeffrey Kawa
Stacie Kelly
Joan Kerndt
Keith Kettelhut

Shelly King
Deborah Klaudt
Ralph Kleinsmith
Debra Kleveter

Frank Kohl
Natalie Kopcho
Carol Krause
Barry Krohn

Kimberlee Kuhn
Renee Ladd
Lisa Lanoha
Richard LaRosa

Lynn Larsen
Scott Larsen

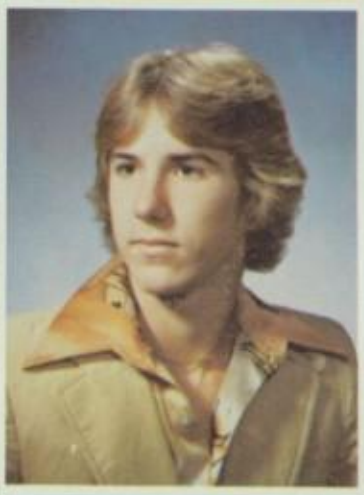
Sandra Larson
Michael Logue

Shawn Lowary
Gary Luedders

Mark Maguire
Paolo Mancosu
Marlene Marchese
Robert Marek

Seniors Rich Watson, Dennis Wilken and Bernie Talamante count the money they have collected for muscular dystrophy during spirit week.

Band members march in their new uniforms for the first time at the Homecoming game.



Michelle Markoff
David Marr
Jennifer McCawley
Deborah McCue

Darren McKean
Sandra McMinn
Cheryl McNealy

Matthew McQuain
Patricia Melcher
John Merolla

Brian Meyer
John Meyers
Dale Miller

Joni Miller
Shareene Mitchell
Courtney Monroe
Sandra Montalbano

Timothy Moody
Janet Moore
Rhonda Moraine
Fred Morgensen

Lisa Moschel
Dan Muldoon
Brad Mundon
Teresa Neeley

Pamela Negley
Cheryl Ness
Donna Neumann
Ronda Newman

Sue Nichols
Deanna Nilius
Peter Offerdahl
Shari Olson

John Palensky
Kathryn Palmer

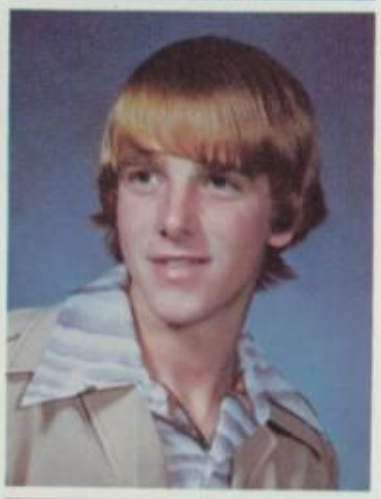
Rebekah Parker
Nelson Perry

Suzanne Perry
Michael Peterson

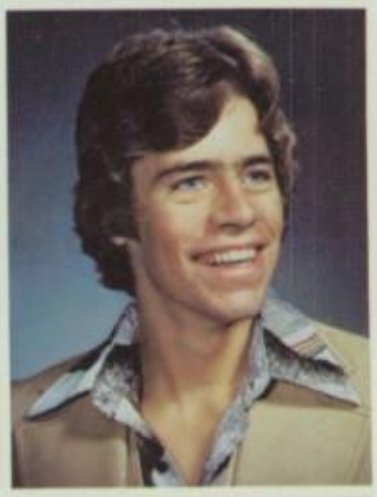
Michelle Pigman
Michael Piontkowski

Joseph Piper
Joyce Pistillo
Guy Plugge
Steve Polchert

Patrica Porter
Anita Powell
David Pratt
Donald Prem



The cast rehearses the song "Blow Gabriel Blow" for the musical "Anything Goes."



Carol Quandahl
Mary Quinn
Kimberly Rankin
Cynthia Rase

Sherilee Rasmussen
Jane Rausch
John Rea
Mary Rehmeier

Cristi Reidy
Mary Reinhardt
Michael Retzlaff
Mark Richter

Terry Rocz
Albert Rotella
Kristi Rowlee
Sherri Rundall

Colleen Ryan
Mark Sandiland
Brenda Schipper
Laurie Schliesser

Senior Student Council members Jill Davis, Jerri Wilkening, Patti Johnson and Diane Schutz and junior members Kelly Dusek and Denise Peitzmeier congratulate newly elected president Scott Lehr from Papillion at the convention hosted by Ralston.

William Schmale
Steven Schmitt
Rodney Schoening
Debra Schutz

Diane Schutz
Jay Scott

Kathy Scott
Sandra Senter

Michael Sewell
Lisa Shol

Elaine Shuman
Eeva Silvasti

James Slominski
Mary Slovek
David Smith
Karl Snowdon

Jeffrey Sokolik
Shanita Spencer
Pam Spinharney
Cindy Staab

Sharon Stansbury
Cynthia Stephenson
Theresa Stevens
Tom Stokes

Todd Sullivan
Steven Sunde
James Svagera
Bernie Talamante

Marla Thaden
Mark Tolan
Joyce Traylor
Trudy Ustohal

Laurel Van Driest
Timothy Vaughan
Patrick Ward
Jane Watson

Richard Watson
Sandra Watson
Sue Whetstone
Gray Wiebe

Dennis Wilken
Jerri Wilkening

Chuck Will
Cindy Willie

Jennifer Wolf
Nick Woods

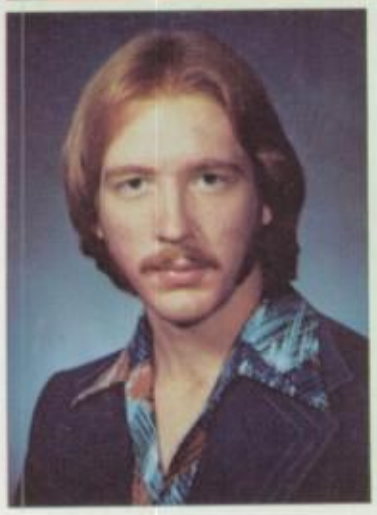
Seniors Rick LaRosa and Denise Brasel, sophomore Paul Foy, and senior Carol Krause practice for a swing choir performance at the Montclair Nursing Home.

Seniors display class spirit as they finish the gym decorating event for the mock olympics.

Pamela Wrinkle

Colleen Wyman

Joann Wynn



Karen Young
Michael Zabel

Louann Zacek
Victoria Zadina

'77-78' Seniors list varied activities

MARK ANDERSON: football, golf, wrestling

TERI ANDERSON: FBLA

GENE ANTHONY: football

JAN ANTILLA: Varsity Choir, Varsity Band, NHS, French club, Thespians, drama productions

GARY ASSMAN: football

JERRY BALLARD: debate, football

ELIZABETH BENSON: Girls' Glee, Varsity Choir, drill team, cheerleading, NHS

TARI BOHATY: cheerleading, ski club, track, letterwoman

JULIE BOWERSOX: Varsity Choir, Mixed Chorus, Girls' Glee, ski club, basketball, NHS, volleyball

PAUL BRANCH: ski club, track, "R" club, AFS, debate, NHS, football, basketball

DENISE BRASEL: Varsity Choir, Mixed Chorus, Swing Choir, Chamber Singers, Varsity Band, cheerleading, class officer, NHS, track, letterwoman

KEITH BRAZILLE: Varsity Choir, "R" club, NHS, football, baseball, track

KAY BREDTHAUER: art club, AFS, pep club

GREG BRINKER: Varsity Choir, Swing Choir, Chamber Singers, Student Council, All-State Chorus, AFS, speech, NHS

DARRYL BROWN: DECA

PAULA BROWN: ski club, DECA, FHA

DENNIS BROZAK: wrestling, DECA

STEVE BUCHANAN: Varsity Band

JERRY BURAS: VICA

LISA BURIANEK: Varsity Choir, Chamber Singers, Girls' Glee, timers' club, AFS, basketball, Student Council, NHS, tennis, Mermaids, swimming, All-State Chorus, letterwoman

LINDA CALDWELL: RAM TALES, NHS

JOAN CAMPBELL: tennis, drill team, volleyball, FBLA, FHA, ski club

JESSE CARDENAS: wrestling

DAN CASKEY: DECA, VICA, KEYS

JULIE CATTANO: pep club

DEANNA CLARK: drill team

LESLIE CLARK: Mixed Chorus, Girls' Glee, cheerleading, basketball

RON CLINE: DECA

VICKI CLINE: DECA

TIM CONNOR: "R" club, track, basketball, football

LISA COOPER: Varsity Choir, Mixed Chorus, Girls' Glee, ski club, FBLA

JEFF COPLIN: "R" club, DECA, cross country aux., track

LORRIE CULVER: AFS, art club, yearbook

MARK DAGANAAR: yearbook

KEVIN DALY: football, track, wrestling

DAWN DAUGHERTY: track, volleyball, letterwoman

JILL DAVIS: ski club, class officer, Student Council, Mat Mutts, DECA

JULIE DEAR: gymnastics, letterwoman

SUSAN DENNY: FBLA, swimming, FHA

SHARON DIMAURO: art club

JERRY DUNCAN: basketball, swimming, baseball, soccer

DOUG DURHAM: Varsity Choir, Chamber Singers, AFS, DECA, basketball, KEYS

MIKE DWORNICKI: wrestling, NHS

MARTY FARRELL: Stage Band, Varsity Band, swimming, FBLA

BRIAN FERRING: hockey

STEVE FLOTT: football, wrestling

THERESA FLOTT: DECA, volleyball, FHA

ANN FOWLER: Varsity Band, AFS, Mermaids, French club

KRISTI FREUDENTHAL: ski club, Varsity Chorus, Chamber Singers, Girls' Glee, AFS, debate, Thespians

STEVE FROST: Varsity Choir, Swing Choir, Chamber Singers, NHS, football

GIGI FRY: Varsity Choir, golf, Chamber Singers, basketball, class officer, letterwoman, NHS

MIKE FRY: Student Council, AFS, DECA, KEYS

PATTY FRY: RAM TALES, yearbook (photographer)

DAVID FUCINARO: NHS

KATHY GARNATZ: yearbook, RAM TALES (photographer)

KEITH GERO: cross country, track

STEVE GIBBS: Varsity Choir, Swing Choir, Chamber Singers, Stage Band, Varsity Band, All-State Choir, Thespians

PATTI GILMORE: pep club, FBLA

BILL GIVENS: Varsity Band, debate cross country, track, basketball

BILL GLISMANN: RAM TALES

THERESA GOBLIRSCH: volleyball, ski club, AFS, tennis, NHS

SUE GRAY: track

SUE GROTH: Girls' Glee, flag team, ski club, track, letterwoman

DEAN GUTE: "R" club, football, NHS, swimming, track, soccer

LORRIE HACKER: basketball, volleyball, FBLA, track, NHS, letterwoman

JON HANSEN: ski club, soccer, football, "R" club, NHS, wrestling

TIM HARM: baseball

MARK HARRISON: ski club, football

TRUDY HEIKENS: Varsity Choir, Chamber Singers, Girls' Glee, ski club, Mermaids, letterwoman, gymnastics

CHRIS HENNIG: art club, Thespians

SUE HEYER: flag team

LISA HICKMAN: debate

JERRY HIGGASON: swimming, soccer, track

BOB HUFF: basketball, track, football

SCOTT HUGHBANKS: golf, FBLA

SHELLEY HUGHES: basketball, track, volleyball, gymnastics, letterwoman

ANGIE HULTBERG: Varsity Choir, Girls' Glee, tennis, FBLA, AFS, ski club, NHS

JULIE HUNTLEY: yearbook

PAULA HYMANS: Varsity Choir, Chamber Singers, Girls' Glee, basketball, AFS, volleyball, track, letterwoman, FBLA, NHS

JOHN HYNES: cross country, ski club, DECA, track, soccer

SCOTT INGALLS: "R" club, track, football, basketball, soccer

PAT INMAN: Stage Band, Varsity Band, swimming

KAREN JACOBS: Varsity Choir

MARK JAHNS: Varsity Choir, Swing Choir, Stage Band, Varsity Band

PATTI JOHNSON: Varsity Choir, Girls' Glee, class officer, Student Council, Mat Mutts, Mermaids, track, volleyball, wrestling (manager), letterwoman

STEVE JOHNSON: wrestling, RAM TALES, yearbook (photographer)

MIKE KARSTENS; basketball, golf

STACIE KELLY: Girls' Glee, basketball, volleyball, FBLA, letterwoman, track, NHS

JOAN KERNDT: Gymnastics, AFS, Student Council, NHS, track, ski club, letterwoman

DEBBIE KLAUDT: Track, gymnastics (helper)

DEBI KLEVETER: flag team

NATALIE KOPCHO: track, Junior Achievement

CAROL KRAUSE: Varsity Choir, Swing Choir, Chamber Singers, Girls' Glee, NHS, yearbook, AFS

BARRY KROHN: "R" club, track, football

KIM KUHN: basketball, track, letterwoman

RICK LAROSA: Varsity Choir, Swing Choir, Chamber Singers, football, "R" club, NHS, ski club, tennis, track

LYNN LARSEN: cheerleading, ski club, track, letterwoman

SCOTT LARSEN: "R" club, class officer, AFS, cross country, NHS, yearbook, track, athletic trainer

SANDY LARSON: Mixed Chorus, Girls' Glee, flag team, drill team, yearbook, Mermaids, FBLA, ski club, AFS, NHS

TOM LATTA: debate, ski club

MIKE LOGUE: baseball, football

SHAWN LOWARY: ski club, football, DECA

GARY LUEDDERS: basketball, ski club, "R" club, tennis, golf

PAOLO MANCOSU: football, Stage Band, baseball, AFS

Seniors participate in sports, clubs

MARLENE MARCHESE: FBLA

ROBERT MAREK: football

MICHELLE MARKOFF: Girls' Glee, Student Council, volleyball, yearbook, Mat Mutts, Mermaids

DAVE MARR: football, wrestling, track

JENNIFER McCAWLEY: ski club, Mixed Chorus, Girls' Glee, golf

DEBBIE McCUE: Varsity Band, French club, letterwoman, FBLA, NHS

DARREN McKEAN: Varsity Band, basketball

SANDY McMINN: Varsity Band, ski club, FBLA

PATTY MELCHER: cross country, basketball, FBLA, track

JOHN MEYERS: Varsity Band, Stage Band, wrestling, football

SHAREENE MITCHELL: Varsity Choir, Girls' Glee, AFS, NHS, Thespians, French club

COURTY MONROE: Varsity Band, "R" club, debate, track, cross country

SANDY MONTALBANO: Swing Choir, Varsity Choir, Girls' Glee, Chamber Singers, flag team, NHS

TIM MOODY: Varsity Band, NHS

JANET MOORE: AFS

LISA MOSCHEL: Varsity Choir, Stage Band, Varsity Band, NHS, ski club, FBLA, letterwoman

BRAD MUNDEN: football, track

TERESA NEELEY: Mixed Chorus, Girls' Glee

PAM NEGLEY: art club, Mat Mutt, wrestling (manager)

CHERYL NESS: Varsity Band, FBLA, NHS

RONDA NEWMAN: basketball, FBLA, letterwoman, track, NHS

DEANNA NILIUS: Mixed Chorus, Girls' Glee, volleyball

PETE OFFERDAHL: wrestling, golf

SHARI OLSON: cheerleading, NHS, FBLA

JOHN PALENSKY: football, ski club, tennis

NELSON PERRY: "R" club, NHS, football, baseball, soccer

SUE PERRY: art club, NHS

MIKE PETERSON: "R" club, track, football, swimming

MICHELLE PIGMAN: cheerleading, Mat Mutts, NHS

MIKE PIONTKOWSKI: NHS

JOE PIPER: art club, NHS

JOYCE PISTILLO: Mixed Chorus, DECA, FBLA, Mermaids, pep club

GUY PLUGGE: basketball, tennis NHS

STEVE POLCHERT: RAM TALES, NHS, Quill and Scroll

DON PREM: football, track

CAROL QUANDAHL: Mermaids, ski club

MARY QUINN: Varsity Choir, ski club, Girls' Glee

CINDY RASE: DECA

SHERI RASMUSSEN: Varsity Choir, Chamber Singers, Girls' Glee, AFS, NHS

JANIE RAUSCH: Varsity Choir, Swing Choir, Chamber Singers, Girls' Glee, cheerleading, ski club, Thespians, French club, AFS, NHS

JOHN REA: basketball, soccer, track, wrestling, Student Council, class officer, ski club

CARI REHMEIER: Mixed Chorus, Girls' Glee, ski club, AFS, NHS, yearbook, Mermaids, track, volleyball, letterwoman

KRISTI REIDY: Mermaids, tennis, AFS, ski club

MARY REINHARDT: Varsity Choir, Swing Choir, Chamber Singers, Girls' Glee, AFS, debate, NHS, Thespians, French club

MIKE RETZLAFF: football

TERRY ROCZ: football, baseball, basketball

AL ROTELLA: "R" club, Quill and Scroll, RAM TALES, wrestling, baseball, football

KRISTI ROWLEE: tennis

SHERRI RUNDALL: drill team, ski club, Mat Mutts, track, Mermaids, DECA

COLLEEN RYAN: RAM TALES, FBLA, NHS, AFS

BRENDA SCHIPPER: class officer, Student Council

LAURIE SCHLIESSER: Mat Mutts, ski club, track

STEVE SCHMITT: Varsity Band, class officer, wrestling, NHS, tennis

ROD SCHOENING: Varsity Band, ski club, swimming, track, Varsity Choir

DIANE SCHUTZ: Student Council, basketball, volleyball, track, AFS, letterwoman, FBLA, NHS

JAY SCOTT: Varsity Choir, AFS, Swing Choir, Chamber Singers, ski club, Student Council, basketball

SANDI SENTER: Mixed Chorus, Girls' Glee, tennis, NHS, AFS, letterwoman

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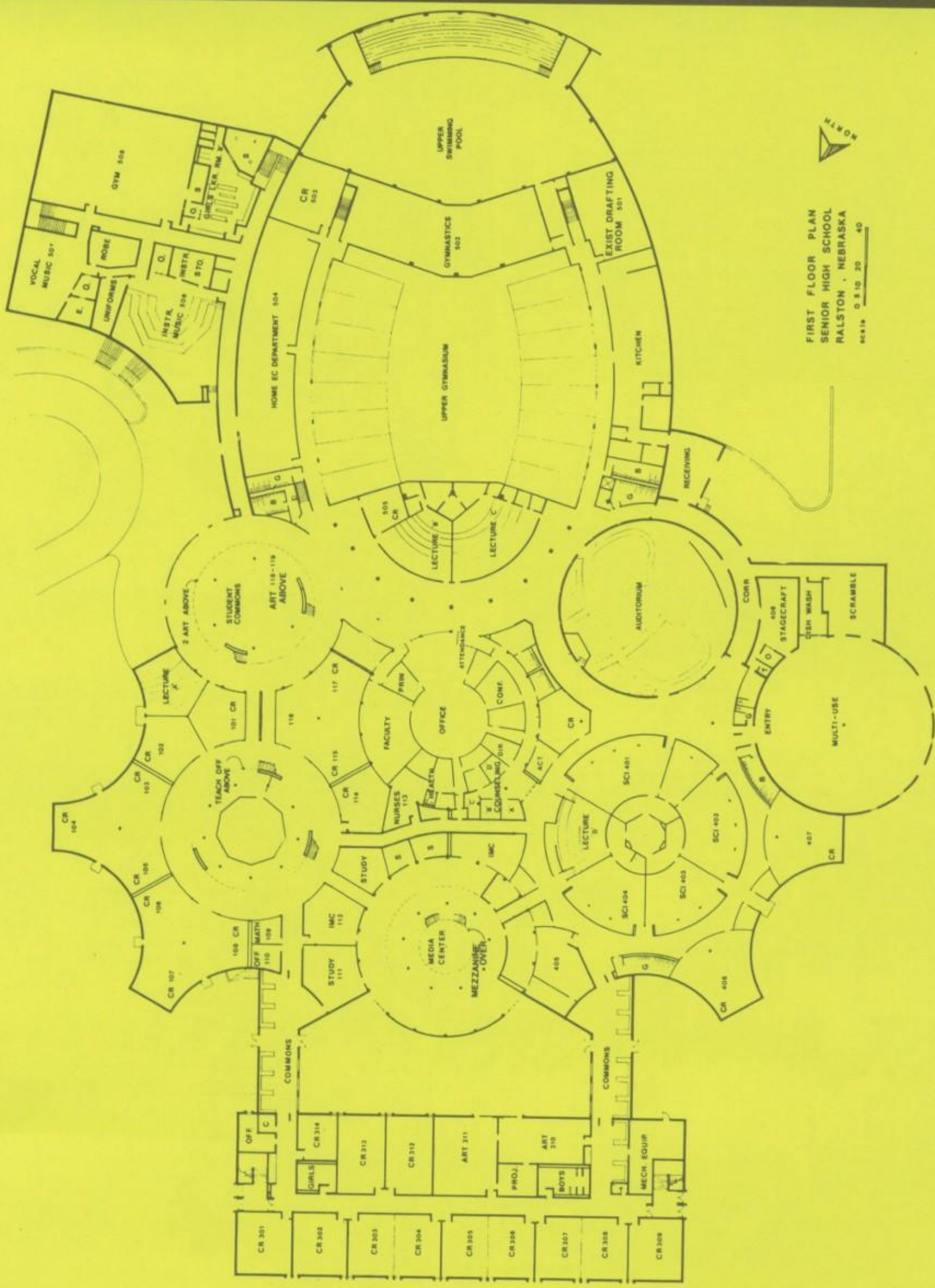

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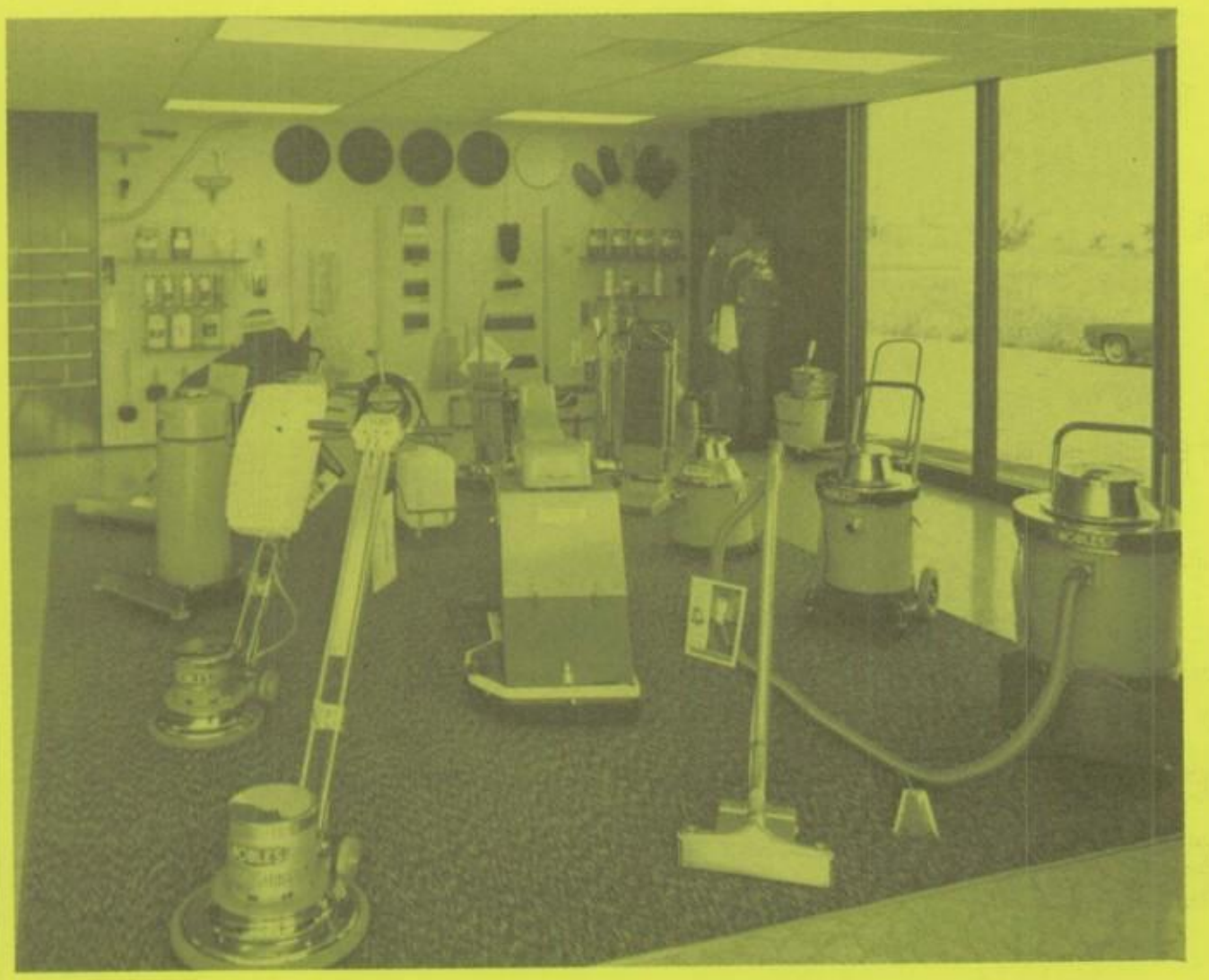

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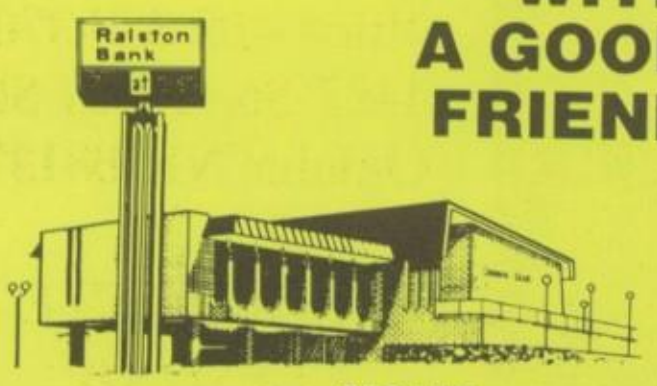

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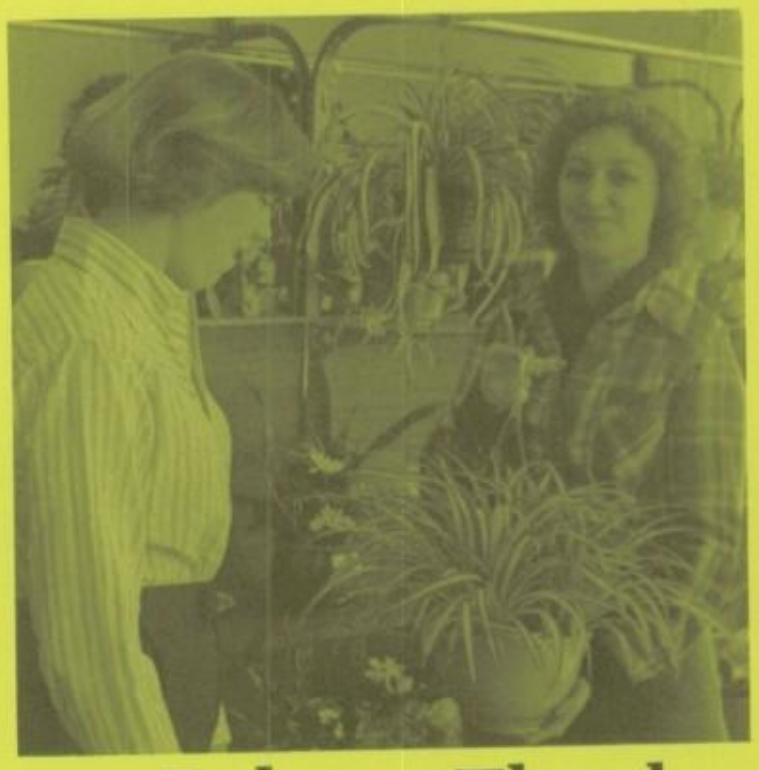

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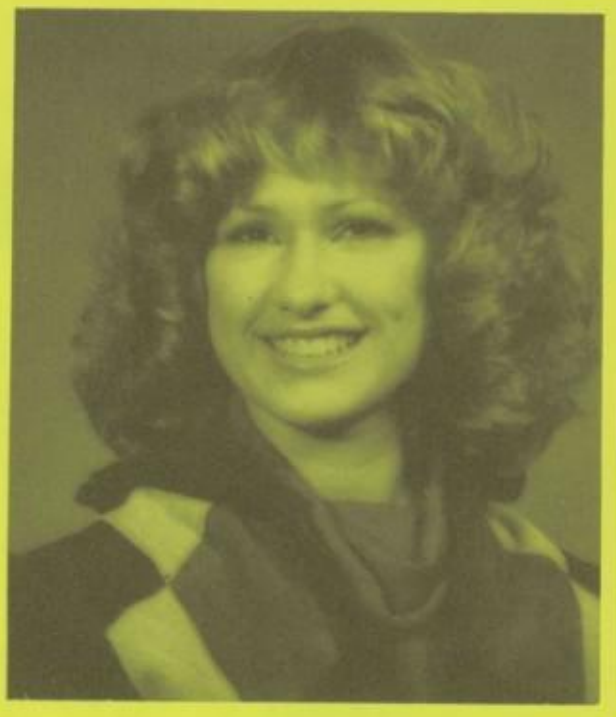

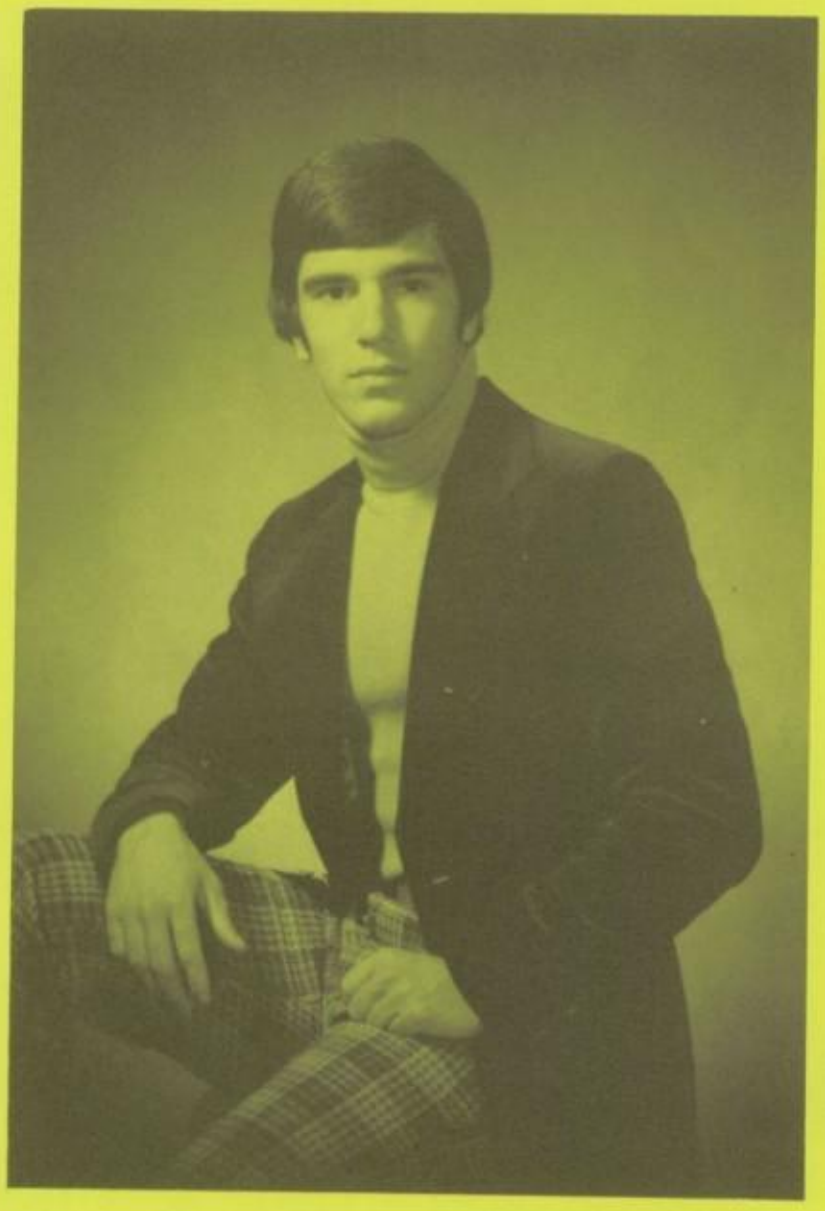

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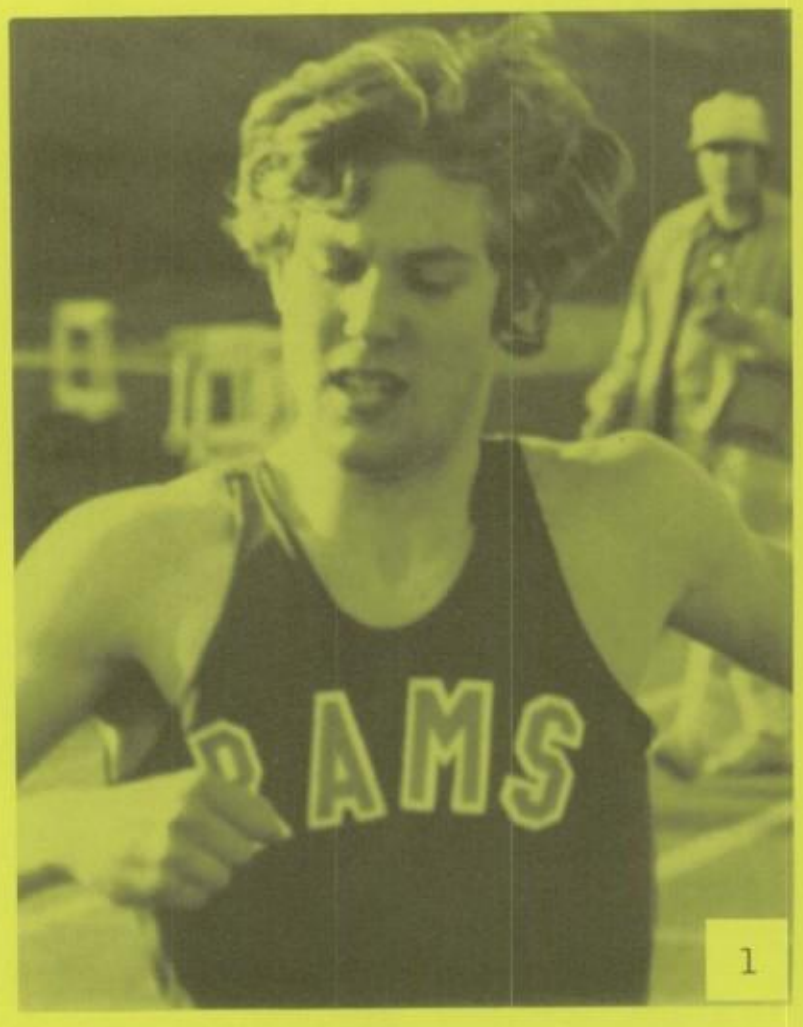

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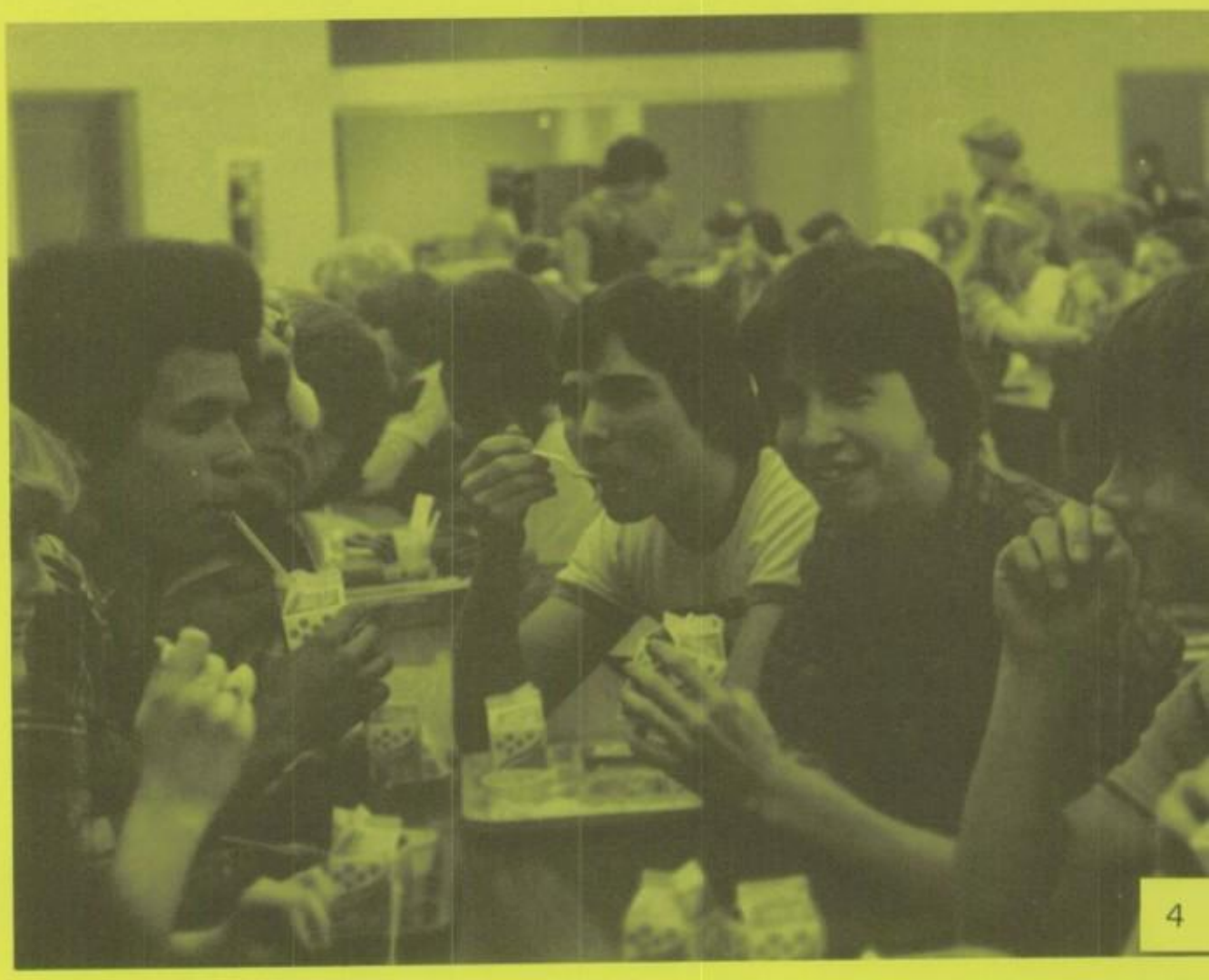

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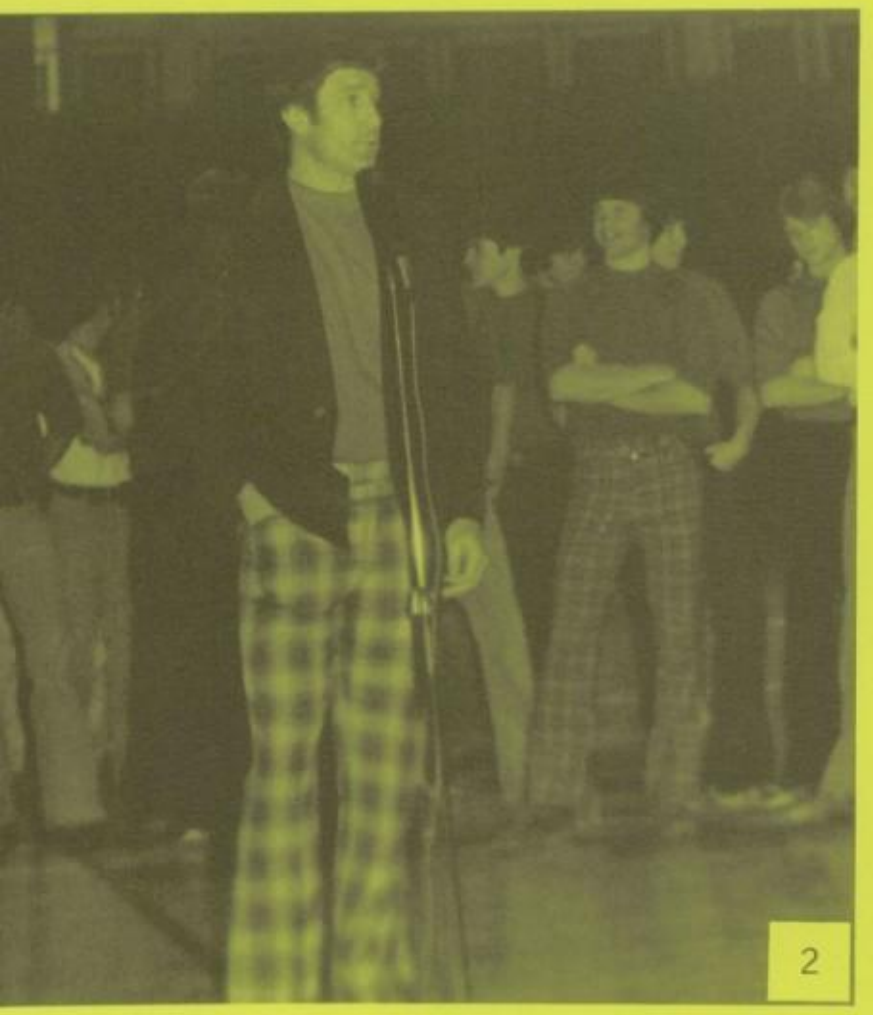
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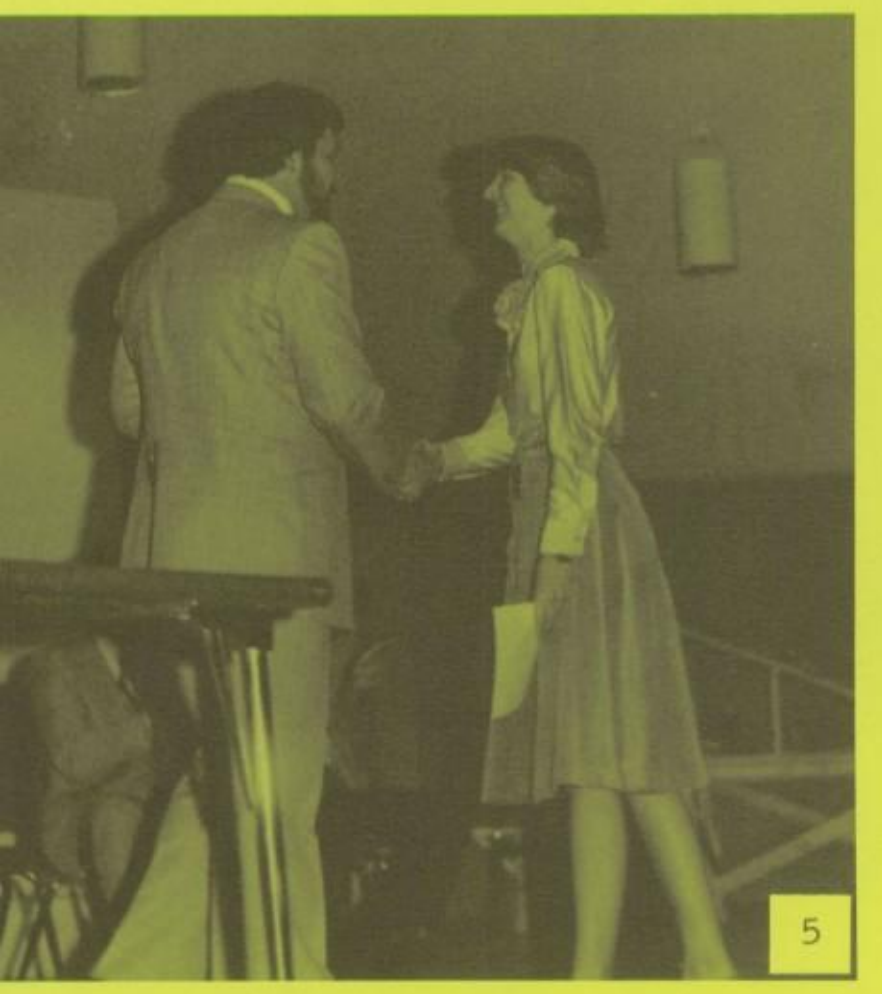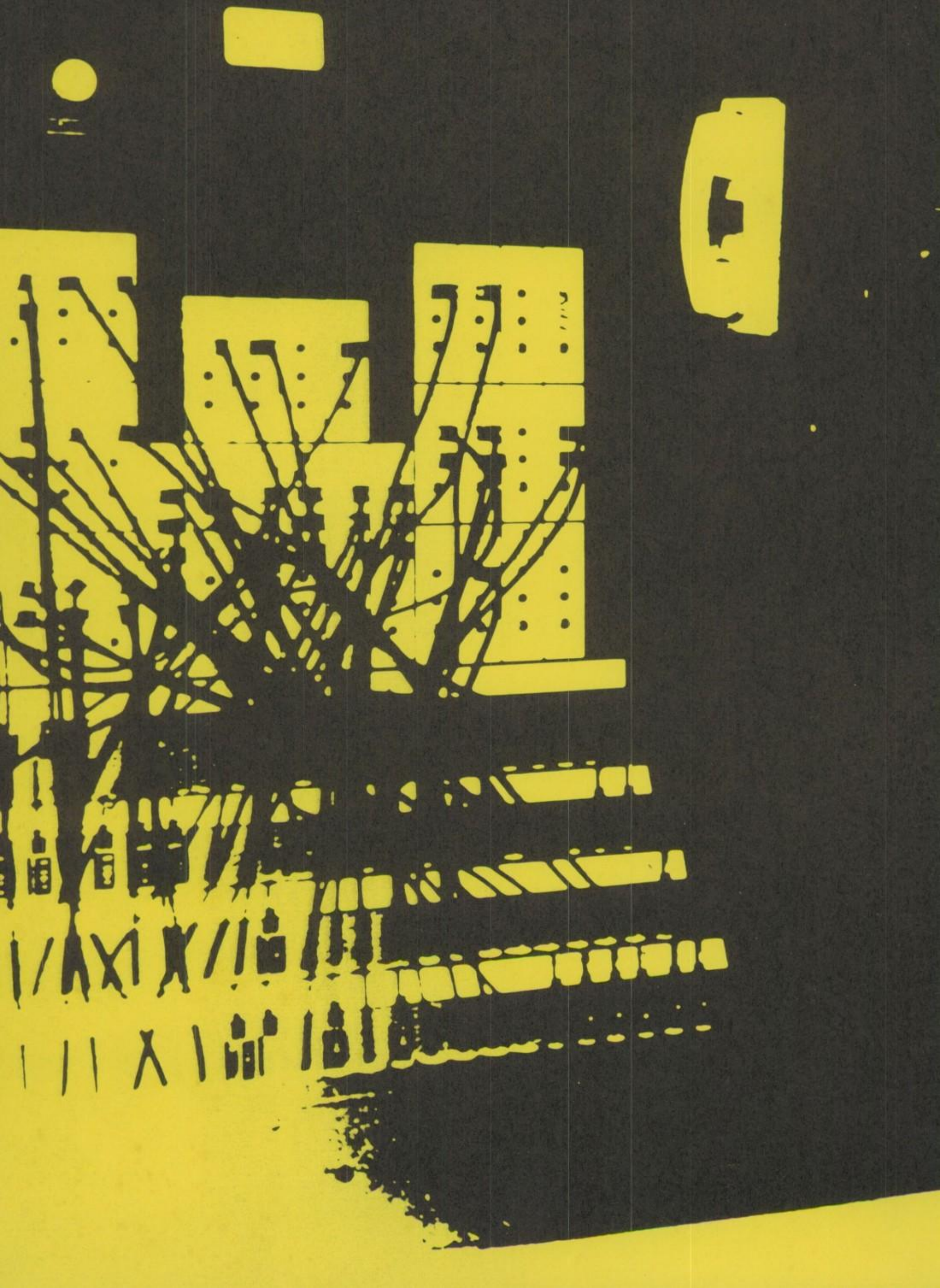
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